September 1, 1959

Miss Louise Young
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2001 Divisinn Street
Nashville 4, Tennessee

Dear Miss Young:

I look forward to spending some time in Tennessee soon as you suggested. The only week that I have free between September 7 and October 7 would be the week of September 21 through 25. I have tentatively reserved a period of two or three days beginning on Wednesday, September 23 if this will be convenient for you. Let me know if this would suit your need. I could come for more of the week if necessary, but would appreciate the first two days in the office here.

Thank you for your report. Your quarterly check has been, or is being, sent on to you. I was particularly interested in your use of the drama group in Tennessee. If you found this to be a useful effort, it seems to me a type of procedure which might be repeated elsewhere. I was impressed with the showing of the group at Fisk University.

I am very much afraid that my YMCA experience will be of no help to you in reaching businessmen. My work with the "Y" was exclusively with college YM and YW groups. The problem of reaching businessmen has been a perplexing one throughout the South.

Your plans for the coming school year look promising. I am looking forward to learning more about the operations of the Tennessee Council in several weeks.

Sincerely,

Paul R. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PRR/mf

Material sent:
SRC Congressional Record Reprint
Publications Listings
New South promotion piece
July-August New South
Dabbs Transcript

September 1, 1959

Mr. L. Feldman
Mathematics Department
San Jose State College
San Jose 14, California

Dear Mr. Feldman:

Thank you for your interest in the Southern Regional Council.

We are mailing you, under separate cover, a descriptive folder concerning the Council and some additional material.

If additional information is desired, please let us know.

Again, thank you.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

September 1, 1959

Mr. G. Curtis
LongBeach Public Library
Long Beach 2, California

Dear Mr. Curtis:

We are mailing you today, under separate cover, two copies of our pamphlet, If the Schools Are Closed as you requested. There will be no charge for these two copies; additional copies are at the rate of .25 each.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

September 1, 1959

Dean William O. Penrose
School of Education
University of Delaware
Newark, Delaware

Dear Dean Penrose:

At the request of Professor D. R. Green, we are sending you a copy of the pamphlet If the Schools Are Closed... There is no charge.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

September 1, 1959

Miss Marybeth Wrenne, Librarian
Southern Education Reporting Service
P. O. Box 6156 Acklen Station
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Miss Wrenne:

We mailed you yesterday the two reports you requested for your files: Intimidation, Reprisal and Violence and A Background Report on School Desegregation for 1959-60. There is no charge to you for these reports.

Have you received a copy of our pamphlet, If the Schools Are Closed...A Critical Analysis of the Private School Plan, by Professors Green and Gauerke?

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

September 1, 1959

Mr. Paul Williams
220 West Minnesota
Brookhaven, Miss.

Dear Mr. Williams:

We are sending you a copy of our Report L-6, which concerns the report on Washington schools by the sub-committee chaired by James C. Davis. We hope this is the report you were told about and the one you have in mind.

We are also sending you a copy of a pamphlet, The Truth About Desegregation in Washington's Schools.

If you would like additional information along this line, you may wish to order Miracle of Social Adjustment, by Carl F. Hansen. The address is noted under "references" on page 5 of the L-6 Report.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

September 1, 1959

Mr. Alfonso Morriconi
R.D. 1
Telford, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Marriconi:

We are happy to send you the Report L-8, "Race and Intelligence" which you requested, and appreciate your telling us that mention of it appeared in the *Christian Science Monitor* on August 21st. There is no charge for this report.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

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September 1, 1959

Mr. Hal H. Smith, Librarian
East Tennessee State College
Johnson City, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Smith:

We are pleased to send you the two copies of our pamphlet, If The Schools Are Closed..., by Green and Gauerke, as you requested. There will be no charge. If ordered in quantity, the price is .25 each.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

Mailed separately:
2 copies, If the Schools Are Closed...

September 2, 1959

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Top Knot
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

Enclosed is your airline ticket for Houston and return. The schedule down seems good. You will note that you leave Greenville at 4:38 p.m. on the 28th, have about an hour-and-a-half in Atlanta and reach Houston at 8:43 p.m.

The return is open as you requested.

We will make a reservation at the Piedmont for the night of October 4th and will look forward to getting in touch with you then.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1.

September 2, 1959

Rev. A. Donald English
1532 West Boyd Street
Norman, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. English:

We have mailed you, under separate cover, forty copies of the Film Bibliography you requested. Since this is a revised edition of the earlier one we sent you, you may want to keep one for yourself.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

September 2, 1959

Mr. Tommy Oglesby
Box 113
Winterville, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Oglesby:

Enclosed is a publications list and a descriptive folder of our monthly magazine, NEW SOUTH.

Since this list was published the Council has published the following:

Pamphlets--"Intimidation, Reprisal, and Violence in the South's Racial Crisis," 40¢ per copy; "The Economic Effects of School Closings," 10¢ per copy; "If the Schools Close... A Critical Analysis of the Private School Plan," single copy on request; and "The Negro and the Ballot in the South," 40¢ per copy.

Special Reports (mineographed)--"A Survey of Waiting Room Facilities in 21 Southern Cities," 10¢ per copy; and "A Background Report on School Desegregation for 1959-60," 20¢ per copy.

If we can supply you with any of these materials, please let us know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Enclosure:
Publications List
NEW SOUTH folder

Daily File

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA
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HAROLD C. FLEMING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

MEMORANDUM September 2, 1959

To: All State Directors

From: Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

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1. Quarterly Reports. Reports from state councils for the period ending August 31, 1959 will be welcome in this office at any time. They should in any case be on hand on or before Wednesday, September 30.

2. Budgetary Planning for 1960. The staff of the Southern Regional Council is currently in the process of preparing budgetary estimates and requests for 1960. A tentative budget must be ready for presentation to the executive committee of the council in early October. No additional funds are in sight which would indicate any possibility of increased aid to state goups next year nor can we expect any recurrence of the special funds for state operations that were made available by an anonymous donor during 1959. It is our present hope that SRC support of state groups can be continued at approximately the same level as this year but some reductions may be necessary.

In order that we may give proper consideration to the needs of the state councils we will need additional information from each of you as soon as possible. I apologize for this short notice but we will need from all state groups by September 25 the following information:

a. A full financial report covering the first six months of 1959. This should indicate all monies raised and expected from January 1st to June 30th. This financial statement should be broken down into main categories. Include with this your own estimate of income and expenditures from June 30 to December 31st. This can be in general terms.

b. Indicate what funds you request from the Southern Regional Council for 1960. If this request indicates any significant change from past patterns of money raised and expended this should be explained carefully. Your request for 1960 should include a rather clear statement of the program philosophy of your council group. What do you see as the role that your council can play next year? What are the major areas in which you plan to operate? What are the ways and means by which you intend to implement this program plan? Inasmuch as we have your quarterly reports we will not need a detailed report of 1959 program activities.

If you have any questions on any of this please let me know immediately. Time is of the essence.

PMR/sl

September 2, 1959

Mr. Paul R. Christopher
Regional Director
AFL-CIO
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

I have been in Atlanta about a week consulting with SRC regarding program, contacts, and some ideas on fund-raising. You will hear more as things develop. I am indeed sorry that schedules are such that I am not crossing trails with you here or elsewhere.

SRC could use the latest AFL-CIO "List of Organizations Affiliated with AFL-CIO"; could you arrange for a copy?

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via

EFV/mf

September 2, 1959

Mr. Jesse DeVore
Public Relations Assistant
N.A.A.C.P.
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, N. Y.

Dear Mr. DeVore:

We are mailing you today the requested copies of our two publications: *If the Schools Are Closed...* and *The Negro and the Ballot in the South.* I am also taking the liberty of including a recent Special Report, "A Background Report on School Desegregation for 1959-60 which I believe will interest you. There is no charge for these, unless ordered in quantity.

We have recently been re-checking our mailing list in an effort to include all persons who would be interested (we think) in our publications. We note that several copies are going to the New York offices of the N.A.A.C.P. We would, of course, like everyone who would have any use for the materials to receive them. We have added Mr. Moon's office, and you also, to the list to receive all publications. If we have overlooked anyone, please let us know.

We are always happy to supply your offices with additional copies of any particular publication in which you have a special interest.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

similar sent to Will D. Campbell
9/1/59

September 2, 1959

Miss Jean Fairfax
American Friends Service Committee
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia 7, Penn.

Dear Jean:

I don't know whether or not you have current contacts in Prince Edward County, Virginia but I know that you are aware of the general situation there. There will be no public schools in Prince Edward County this Fall. Although some form of so-called private school will be provided for the white children; there will be many hundreds of Negro children who will go without any schooling whatsoever. The facilities are not available in the county to tutor these children. The group is too large and most of the Negro teachers have moved out and on to new jobs in other parts of the South and nation. The general impression has been given that the white community is adamant and united on the matter, that communications have virtually disintegrated, and that tensions are high.

Our new man in Virginia, the Rev. Daniel A. Bowers, has been spending time in Prince Edward during recent weeks, working both with the colored community and in an effort to motivate some of the white moderates and liberals. We find that these do exist in rather considerable number but the pressures of the situation have created a general atmosphere of apathy and discouragement on the part of these white friends.

The only organization in Prince Edward County functioning as a point of unity for the Negro population and working on the right side of the issue is the Prince Edward County Christian Association. The key figure here is the Rev. Mr. Griffin. The group is led by ministers. With virtually no resources or outside assistance, this group has created a sense of solidarity in the Negro community and has pretty much unified an uneducated, low-income constituency in this rural county. The PECCA office is located at 309 Franklin Street, Farmville, Virginia. They are in touch with the Virginia NAACP and with out office in Richmond, but they are completely lacking in fundssoo any other facilities. Dan Bowers writes: "If you could possibly wrangle some funds from somewhere, I know of no place where they could be more strategically used. The Association has no office furniture, no typewriter, and no mimeograph, and I may add, no voice to the press. They desperately need just a few hundred dollars to get going in that direction. They have a large and rural county and mimeograph sheets are the only means by which they can inform the people of current happenings."

The PECCA would probably be considered to be involved in political activity and the tax-exempt problem would arise in any donations to the Association. In spite of the nation-wide attention directed to Prince Edward County, they have had practically no outside help of any tangible sort. It would seem that a small donation could make a great deal of difference. If you have any thoughts to offer on this, let me know. In fact, I would appreciate an early answer either way. We need to find some way to move on this almost immediately.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sl

air mail special September 2, 1959

Mr. William Woestendiek
Newsday
550 Stewart Avenue
Garden City, New York

Dear Mr. Woestendiek:

Here is a roundup on the school situation of no more than 1,000 words. I hope this is the kind of piece you wanted. If it runs, I'd appreciate a clipping.

We have placed you on our mailing list to receive the Council's publication.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

SOUTHERN SCHOOL SITUATION

Harold C. Fleming

The gradual disintegration of the solid South is quickening this September as public schools open across the region.

The five states that make up the hard core of resistance to the Supreme Court's school decision -- South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana -- remain rigidly segregated. But they are finding themselves increasingly isolated in their last-ditch stand. Their sister states of the old Confederacy, including those which have suffered the practical consequences of defiance, are all admitting at least a few Negro pupils to formerly all-white schools.

Little Rock and Virginia, until recently the two big symbols of resistance, have tried the last resort of closed public schools and found it wanting. In each case, the long dormant "moderates" rose up in protest against the suspension of public education, the reliance on makeshift private schooling, and the economic damage growing out of industry's reluctance to locate amid dissension and uncertainty.

In Little Rock, five Negroes are attending high school with white students after a year of empty classrooms. There, the revolt against Governor Faubus's policy of obstruction and closed schools was openly led by the Chamber of Commerce element. The August opening of Central and Hall High Schools under a plan of token integration was largely generaled by

Everett Tucker, school board chairman and industrial development executive.

In Virginia, five communities are starting the school year with some measure of classroom desegregation. Although Virginia business men quietly expressed concern over school closings last year, it was Governor J. Lindsay Almond who led the retreat from the "massive resistance" doctrine which he himself had helped to fashion. This political about-face was an even greater achievement than it would appear on the surface. It meant not only beating down the opposition of legislators from the rural "southside," but also going against the wishes of U. S. Senator Harry F. Byrd, long the undisputed boss of Virginia politics.

The new pattern of compliance in the Old Dominion and Little Rock is similar to that in effect for two years in North Carolina and Tennessee -- that is, a state policy of local option, under which a few communities have chosen to admit a handful of Negroes to white schools rather than pay the price of resistance.

Next week, Nashville will take the third step in its grade-a-year plan of "stairstep desegregation." Four more North Carolina school systems will join the three industrial cities of that state which have already voluntarily adopted token desegregation. In Florida, the influence of industry-minded Governor Leroy Collins will be felt in the voluntary desegregation of two public schools in Dade County (Miami), the first in the state. (It should be noted, however, that one of these, the Orchard Villa School, is in a transitional neighborhood which may soon be all-Negro.)

Thus grudging and limited extension of desegregation is the chief prospect as the South faces again what one newsman has called its "September sickness." And the hard-core states of the deep South will shortly stand alone in their official posture of defiance.

Yet no neat division can be made between the hold-out and capitulating states. Just as there are weak spots in the segregationist armor of the deep South, there are still large areas of unyielding segregation in the upper and middle South.

Prince Edward County, Va., for example, has taken a far-reaching step toward total abandonment of public education. Although it was the site of one of the five original school cases, a court order to desegregate became effective only this September. The Board of Supervisors promptly moved to cut off local school funds, thus automatically closing both white and Negro schools in this rural, southside county. The 1,570 white children will be taught, without benefit of public funds, in churches, lodges, and other private buildings; no provision has been made for the 1,715 Negro pupils.

Nor is all serene in Arkansas. The Dollarway school District, under court order to integrate three Negro children, is the new center of agitation by organized segregationists. A sheriff and two deputies make up the total police force in this semi-rural adjunct to Pine Bluff. The immediate danger of violence is relieved only by the school board's decision to postpone the opening of school.

The goal of Southwide compliance with the legal principle of desegregated public education is still a long way off. The real heartland of segregation has not yet been breached. In that Old South territory, only Atlanta and New Orleans show early promise of breaking away from the dominance of their die-hard state governments.

Even in less defiant areas, pupil assignment laws are being used to achieve desegregation of so token a variety that it is little more than a new and subtler form of evasion.

These are the problems that will plague the South and the nation for many a September to come.

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September 3, 1959

Mr. Morris Abram
Healey Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Morris:

Our good research director, Les Dunbar, has done the enclosed draft memorandum summarizing alternative ways of approaching race and economics. This is not meant to be a detailed proposal for your use with the Twentieth Century Fund, but merely a preliminary outline that could be developed further along whatever line seems most promising.

After you've read it, let me know what you think the next step should be.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

September 3, 1959

Mrs. M. D. Reymond
718 Convention Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Reymond:

We received a request to send you some material about the Southern Regional Council. We are enclosing a descriptive folder concerning the Council and some additional material.

If we can be of additional help, please let us know.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Luel E. Cummings
Secretary to Mrs. Tilly

/c

September 3, 1959

Mr. Joseph Hansen
The Militant
116 University Place
New York 3, New York

Dear Mr. Hansen:

We have mailed you, under separate cover, two copies of "The Negro and the Ballot in the South," for review as you requested.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

via air mail September 3, 1959

Mr. Frank Loescher
United States-South Africa Leader
Exchange Program
345 East 46th Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Frank:

We have talked further with Ed Driscoll about the impending visit of Professor and Mrs. Groenewald. He feels it would be well to go ahead with the plan suggested earlier -- that is, have them stay at the Candler Hotel in Decatur near Columbia Theological Seminary. Of course, with Columbia and the other institutions in session, there will be more to offer them.

Of course, we will be happy to handle reservations, appointments at Atlanta University and elsewhere in the community, as well as a visit or visits with our staff.

Ed Driscoll thinks it would be a good idea for you to write McDowell Richards telling him a bit about the Groenewalds' interests, expressing appreciation for Dr. Richards' willingness to be helpful, etc.

We will also be happy to see Dr. Webb if he has the time while in Georgia for the World

Methodist Council meeting.

Congratulations on the progress of your South African fund-raising efforts.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 3, 1959

Mr. Clayton D. Hutchins, Chief
School Finance Section
Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
Office of Education
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hutchins:

At the request of Professor Gauerke, we are pleased to send you two copies of our pamphlet, If the Schools Are Closed... We are also taking the liberty of enclosing a copy of our background report on school desegregation for 1959-60.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Enclosures: If the Schools Are Closed, 2
Background Report

September 3, 1959

Mr. Irwin Glatstein
Jewish Community Center
2020 Hermann Drive
Houston, Texas

Dear Irwin:

Marion Wright will be arriving in Houston at 8:43 P.M. September 28 on Eastern Flight 321. In his recent communication he suggests that you make a hotel reservation for him indicating that he prefers this to private hospitality. If this information reaches you too late, after you have already made other arrangements, I am sure that he will fit into any plans that you may have.

I'll be anxious to hear from you following the visit.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Difector of Field Activities

PMR/sl

September 3, 1959

Mr. Phil Meyers
Education Editor
Miami Herald
Miami, Florida

Dear Phil:

It was good to see you again recently and to find you settled in Miami. It was also quite a surprise. I'll be getting down that way from time to time and will look forward to getting with you.

I am putting your name on a list to receive a number of our materials. I think that you will find them interesting and even, occasionally, helpful. In return if it would not involve too much labor I would appreciate receiving a copy of the series concerning the Miami school situation that you authored some time ago. They would be most helpful for background material here.

I hope you will find it possible to talk with Bill Williams from time to time concerning the public relations policy of the Dade County Council on Community Relations. I think that with a little advice from someone experienced in the mass media Bill could considerably improve his public relations programming. I am afbaid that I suggested he might talk with you about this.

Thank you for the hospitality. Regards to all including your destructive offspring.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sl

September 3, 1959

Mr. William M. Bates
Press Secretary
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bill:

You're more than eligible to receive our stuff.

We're sending you separately the two reports you requested and a few other recent items of possible interest.

Let me know any time our files or materials might contain information you need.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 3, 1959

The Honorable William Hartsfield
Mayor
City of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Mayor Hartsfield:

I thought you would want to know that the excerpt from Governor Almond's speech has been printed and distributed to legislators, various county officials, and local chambers of commerce over the state.

Enclosed is a copy of the printed leaflet, under HOPE's imprint. Although bearing HOPE's Atlanta office address, many of the copies were mailed out by their chapters in Rome, Columbus, and so on.

I understand HOPE intends to get out several more mailings of this kind before the Legislature convenes.

With warm personal regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

September 3, 1959

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Top Knot
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

In order not to delay your receipt of the enclosed copies of your Virginia-Texas speech, I am sending them to you prior to a reading by other members of the staff. My own opinion is that this is in your finest vein, and that any major criticisms by the others is unlikely. In fact, it suggests to me that the time is ripe to publish you again in New South, if you are willing. Since the speech is long for New South purposes, perhaps you would let us condense it somewhat.

I'll write or talk with you further about this after John Constable and others have read the manuscript. I'm looking forward to seeing you in connection with the Executive Committee meeting.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 5.

September 3, 1959

Professor Malcolm E. Jewell
Department of Political Science
University of Kentucky
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Professor Jewell:

We are mailing you today a copy of our latest report on Negro registration and voting in the South, The Negro and the Ballot in the South, by Margaret Price, as you requested.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

September 3, 1959

Mr. Lowell Goodhue, President
The Goodhue Companies
P. O. Box 1529
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Mr. Goodhue:

Professor Gauerke has forwarded your letter of August 20 to us. Single copies of the pamphlet are free upon request, and additional copies are .25 each. We are, therefore, sending you nine copies of the pamphlet. Let me add, though, we are principally interested in people reading the analysis of Drs. Green and Gauerke, and are interested in securing good distribution. In other words, if you want additional copies for a group of people who ought to be concerned about this problem, it is quite possible that easier terms than .25 each could be worked out.

Because of your interest, I have taken the liberty of enclosing with the pamphlets back numbers of a series of what we call "L Reports" and have put you on a mailing list to receive subsequent issues. You will notice that L Report 8-A is a summary of the Green-Gauerke pamphlet. Perhaps this will fill the need which you mentioned; additional copies of this are free.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

Separate mailing:
9 copies G-G pamphlet
L Reports, 1-10

Blind CC: Ben Muse
plus thermafax copy of letter

September 3, 1959

Mr. Jan Sillar
The Economist
National Press Building
Washington 4, D.C.

Dear Mr. Sillar:

We are mailing you today the two copies you requested of our latest publication, The Negro and the Ballot in the South, by Margaret Price. There is no charge.

Mr. John Constable, our director of information, is placing your name on his list to receive all subsequent publications.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

September 4, 1959

Mr. Harry S. Jones
Executive Director
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
Room 209, 121 East Third Street
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

Again, our apologies.

My memo to Mrs. Cook and our correspondence concerning Mrs. Singleton and Mrs. Halfhill was inadvertently filed by another secretary without Mrs. Cook seeing it. The biggest flaw was that I went away on vacation on Friday with Mrs. Cook returning from hers the following Monday and so we did not have the opportunity for a conference.

Both Mrs. Halfhill and Mrs. Singleton should be receiving New South as their names appear in our stencil files at the addresses indicated. We have credited Mrs. Halfhill with an extra year since she indicates she did not receive earlier issues. Thus, her subscription will end January, 1960, instead of the January, 1959, date. If this is not satisfactory, please let us know.

Records for Mrs. Singleton indicate her subscription ends in May, 1960. If this is incorrect, please let us know.

Since we do not find Mrs. Singleton's original letter to you, Mrs. Cook believes that she mailed it to Mrs. Singleton in June when she was checking the records pursuant to the letter.

Let me know if the above arrangements are not satisfactory, and we will try to remedy the situation further.

Sincerely,

John Constable

Director of Information

September 4, 1959

Mr. Nat Griswold
Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

I hope when you get a copy of the study of Atlanta Consumers in hand that you will let me know how to order it. We are still as much in the dark as ever. The Southern Institute of Management has nothing to do with Phil Hammer's company. In fact, his office never heard of it, although it is terribly interested in your report that such a study has been done. Please let me know what you find out from your man in Louisville.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

September 4, 1959

Mr. Martin L. Kilson, Jr.
Institute of Commonwealth Studies
Oxford University
10 Keble Road
Oxford, England

Dear Mr. Kilson:

I am happy to learn that you found our materials interesting, and that your roommate at Harvard was the nephew of Dr. Clement, chairman of SRC's executive committee.

Our new pamphlet on voting, The Negro and the Ballot in the South, is just out. A copy is being mailed to you today. I am also enclosing a copy of our Special Report: "A Background Report on School Desegregation for 1959-60," because I believe it will interest you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

Mailed separately:
The Negro and the Ballot
Background Report

September 4, 1959

Professor Warren E. Gauerke
939 Vernier Road
Grosse Pointe Woods
Michigan, 36

Dear Warren:

I have taken care of the two pamphlet requests which you sent in.

The pamphlet has had great response and continues to be in demand. If we have done a fair job of promoting it, as Ross seems to think, we know that we had a good article in hand and that the success of the pamphlet is altogether yours and his.

If we don't hear from dear Mrs. Titlebaum soon, we shall call her.

I met Ed Ladd a couple of weeks back and was delighted to hear him and Ross speculate optomistically on the chance of your deciding to return to Atlanta. This makes me feel a little less bad that I did not see you before you got away.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Enc- Richmond editorial
thermafax of Phi Delta Kappa letter

Mailed separately:
4 copies, If the Schools Are Closed...

September 4, 1959

Dr. Ross Clinchy
Executive Director
The President's Committee on
  Government Employment Policy
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Ross:

Thanks for the welcome news that you will be with us at the interagency meeting on September 15. This will add greatly to the interest and importance of the meeting.

I am looking forward to seeing you again.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 4, 1959

Mr. George Meany
President, AFL-CIO
815 - 16th Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Meany:

We are warmly grateful to you and to the AFL-CIO for the contribution of $1,000 forwarded with your kind letter of August 27.

It is especially heartening to have this evidence of labor's continuing interest in the work of the Council at a time of serious challenge for the AFL-CIO. We deeply believe that what we are able to accomplish will benefit the labor movement in the South. Recent responses to our efforts in the region have encouraged us to hope that progress in civil rights can be accelerated during the next year or two.

As always, we welcome opportunities to be of service to the affiliated unions and their leadership.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Official receipt)

September 4, 1959

Mr. Harold J. Gerberg
Burrelle's Press Clipping Bureau
165 Church Street
New York 7, New York

Dear Mrs. Gerberg:

Enclosed is a clipping sent by Burrelle's to the Southern Regional Council, account number 9649.

The clipping, which should be credited to our account, is for the Southern Regional Council on Mental Health Training and Research. We had trouble with Burrelle's before concerning this matter.

The Southern Regional Council is the entire name of our organization and it does not have any connection with the Southern Regional Council on Mental Health. We hope your readers will note this in the future and eliminate the return of clippings which do not concern our organization.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Enclosure

September 4, 1959

Mr. Wilton Dillon
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Wilton:

You're right about Sitton and, happily, he's not the only one. But you're dead wrong about that easy tribute from the foundations. I suspect all the philanthropoids have been sitting out the summer in Martha's Vineyard blithely ignoring the New York Times and everything else.

Like the man said to his "authoritative" friend, "You so smart, why ain't you rich?"

Glad you find the "Race and Intelligence" piece to your taste. For such hackneyed doctrine, it's attracted a surprising amount of interest. I'm sending you the 10 copies separately.

If you people will get your crime orgy under control, I'll be in New York again sometime soon -- perhaps mid-October. In that event, I'll hope to see you and Virginia.

Yours for supra-racial unity,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 4, 1959

Mr. George Butler
President's Committee on Government
Contracts
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear George:

Mr. Bill Williams director of the Florida Council on Human Relations is interested in getting some help from the President's Committee in several directions in Florida. He has two specific needs, first, he would like some help from a committee staff member in working out a followup conference for religious leaders in Florida to take proper advantage of the momentum generated by the Washington Conference for Religious Leaders. He has already talked with those ministers who attended from Florida and there seems to be sufficient interest to make this a real possibility. Bill and the Florida council are ready to follow through with the idea and do the organisation work but Bill feels that a visit from a committee staff member would be a great assistance.

Secondly, Bill is anxious to locate someone who can serve as speaker and resource in the general field of merit employment at a conference of the Methodist student movement of Florida in March of 1960.

It is Bill's hope that you or some other staff member might be willing to go to Florida for a few days in March, participate in the conference of the

Methodist student movement, and also consult with the committee working toward a religious leaders conference in Florida. They are holding open the date of the conference hoping that this might be a possibility.

I believe that Bill has written to Mr. Seidenburg about these matters but ~~as~~ they seem to fall in your general area of responsibility and competance I thought it would do no harm to write you directly. If you think that this is a possibility I hope that you might let me know or write directly to Mr. William K. Williams, Executive Director, Florida Council on Human Relations, 213 N. E. Second Ave., Miami. I hope that you can give the matter favorable consideration.

I get to Washington much less frequently on my new job but I hope that we can continue to see each other from time to time.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sl
cc: Mr. William K. Williams

September 4, 1959

Professor Hugh H. Smythe
Department of Sociology and Anthropology
Brooklyn College
Bedford Avenue & Avenue H
Brooklyn 10, N. Y.

Dear Professor Smythe:

We are pleased to mail you a copy of our latest publication, The Negro and the Ballot in the South, as you requested.

Thank you for your interest, and we are happy to learn that our publications are useful to you.

We are placing your name on our mailing list to receive all subsequent publications.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Mailed separately:
The Negro and the Ballot

September 4, 1959

Professor Robert E. Martin
Director, Citizenship Project
Department of Government
Howard University
Washington, 1, D. C.

Dear Professor Martin:

At the request of Mrs. Margaret Price (who lives in Virginia) we are sending you two copies of The Negro and the Ballot in the South. We are also placing your name on our mailing list to receive all subsequent publications.

Thank you for your interest, and we are pleased that our previous reports and publications have been useful to you.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

September 4, 1959

Mr. Paul D. Wentroble
731 Harden Drive
Pittsburg 29, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Wentroble:

We are sending you today the two publications you requested: The Negro and the Ballot in the South, and "Waiting Room Practices in 21 Southern Cities."

Our policy, in mailing out publications, is that one copy of If the Schools Are Closed... is free upon request; additional copies are .25 each. If you will let us know how many copies you wish we will be happy to fill your order.

In regard to other literature, we haven't anything else recently published except Intimidation, Reprisal and Violence in the South's Racial Crisis, which is .40, and the publication on private schools, which you have. Two recent books you would find interesting are: The Southern Temper by William Peters, and The Southern Heritage by James M. Dabbs.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

September 4, 1959

Mr. George McMillan
Box 299
Aiken, South Carolina

Dear George:

STILL HOPING.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

September 4, 1959

The Journal of Negro Education
Howard University
Washington 1, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Please send us another copy of your Spring, 1959 issue of The Journal of Negro Education. Our check for $1.50 is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

Enclosure: check

September 4, 1959

Mr. Maynard Bemis
Executive Secretary
Phi Delta Kappa
Eighth and Union
Bloomington, Indiana

Dear Mr. Bemis:

We are pleased to send you fifty-five copies of our publication, If the Schools Are Closed, for your distribution. Your willingness to send this to your top-echelon, public-school minded officers in the 17 most affected states is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

September 4, 1959

Mr. John E. Davis
509 West 30th Street
Norfolk 8, Virginia

Dear John:

I very much appreciate your thinking of me as a possible speaker for your program October 1st at the University of Richmond. Unfortunately I will not be able to accept.

I recently moved to Atlanta to work with the Southern Regional Council. Although my work here involves travel throughout the South I will not be able to get to Richmond on that date.

Good luck with your program. The topics you have lined up for the year are provocative and basic and should provide the means for a good program year for you.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sl

September 4, 1959

Mr. Nat Griswold
Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning the developments in Pine Bluff. It helps considerably to give us a clear picture of the way things seem to be moving in this critical spot.

I am anxious to come to Arkansas in the fairly near future to gain a clear idea of your program and to establish a good working relation. I have a vague feeling that we discussed some possible dates over the telephone recently but I can find no memorandum of specific committments. Check your schedule and advise me to a possible time I might spend several days with you in October, the week of October 12th would be particularly good for me but we could probably work it out the following week if this would be preferable.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sl

September 4, 1959

Mr. Harry S. Jones
Executive Director
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 E. Third Street, Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

I will be spending the weekend in North Carolina with friends and will be coming by bus to Charlotte Tuesday morning. I will try to arrive not later than 10 o'clock. It will be good to get together with you.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sl

September 7, 1959

Professor John Fraser Hart
Department of Geography
Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana

Dear Professor Hart:

We were interested to read in your letter of September 1 of the writings that you have completed on Negro migration. We would deem it a great consideration if you would send us reprints of your two articles when they appear. I am mailing you separately a copy of our newest pamphlet, on Negro voting; some of it you may find to have implications for a demographer. We have, ourselves, just finished a brief summation of some facts about southern population changes; it will appear in New South, although perhaps not for several months.

Are you aware that one of the projects which the Institute for Research in Social Science at the University of North Carolina will pursue under its large and new Rockefeller grant has to do with Negro migration? My understanding is that what is planned is work in preliminary 1960 census data.

I hope that you will prosecute your interests in segregation and the campus. Unfortunately, we have no reprints or other materials to send to you except an article by Guy Johnson. You may also find items of interest to you in our recent pamphlet, Intimidation, Reprisal and Violence, which I am also forwarding. You probably know of the long study in the New York University Law Review, April and May issues, 1959; the field of study here was confined pretty much to Louisiana.

There is considerable of interest also in Howard Quint's Profile in Black and White. Finally, I believe that our president, James M. Dabbs, is writing an article on the subject of academic freedom and segregation for Commentary magazine.

I hope we may hear further from you on this subject. As a possible convenience to you, some bibliography is listed on the attached sheet.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Enc-bibliography

Mailed separately:
The Negro and the Ballot
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Intimidation, Reprisal and Violence

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September 7, 1959

Mr. Meredith Amick
Executive Director
Batesburg-Leesville Chamber of Commerce
Batesburg, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Amick:

We are pleased to send you a copy of our pamphlet, If the Schools Are Closed, as you requested.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

September 8, 1959

Mr. Harold J. Gerberg
Burrelle's Press Clipping Bureau
165 Church Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Gerberg:

This morning's mail brought five clippings which do not concern the Southern Regional Council. Please credit them to account number 9649.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Enclosures

July & Aug. New South

September 8, 1959

Rev. Paul W. Brown, Pastor
The United Church, Methodist
Main Street
Cairo, New York

Dear Mr. Brown:

We are mailing to you, under separate cover, a copy of "If the Schools Are Closed." There is no charge for this single copy.

We have also mailed you a sample copy of our monthly publication, New South. Additional publications published by the Council will be listed in New South as they are published.

We appreciate your interest in our work.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec

September 8, 1959

Mr. Leslie Marcus
3849 E. Seneca
Tucson, Arizona

Dear Mr. Marcus:

Thank you for your interest in the Council. We are mailing you, under separate cover, an informational folder concerning the Council, a publications listing, and some sample material of the Council.

Since the publications listing was published, the Council has added the following:

> Pamphlets--"Intimidation, Reprisal, and Violence in the South's Racial Crisis," 40¢ per copy; "The Economic Effects of School Closings," 10¢ per copy; "If the Schools Close... A Critical Analysis of the Private School Plan," single copy on request; and "The Negro and the Ballot in the South," 40¢ per copy.
>
> Special Reports (mimeographed)--"A survey of Waiting Room Facilities in 21 Southern Cities," 10¢ per copy; and "A Background Report on School Desegregation for 1959-60," 20¢ per copy.

If we can be of additional help, please let us know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

September 8, 1959

Mr. Benjamin Muse
Manassas, Virginia

Dear Mr. Muse:

With the exceptions of Hugh Patterson, Lenoir Chambers, and Jonathan Daniels of Raleigh, all the names you sent me on September 4 are already receiving the L Reports.

We have mailed copies to these three in accordance with your request and have added their names to our list.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

September 8, 1959

Mr. Phillip A. Thompson
c/o American Express
Birger Jarlsgatan 12
Stockholm, Sweden

Dear Phillip:

So glad you found our materials helpful in preparing lectures and articles. Power to you on your studies in Political Science and International Relations, and with this new interest you may wind up in the United Nations eventually!

I am mailing today our new pamphlet on voting, The Negro and the Ballot in the South, and believe you will find it interesting and informative. Your name has been placed on the mailing list to receive all publications from the research department, as released. This may not keep you completely abreast of developments but should help.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

September 8, 1959

Mr. Robert E. Anderson, Jr.
112 S. Bayard Street
East Point, Georgia

Dear Mr. Anderson:

We are pleased to send you a copy of our pamphlet, If the Schools Are Closed..., as you requested. There is no charge for one copy upon request; if ordered in quantity the price is .25 each.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

(note) he and his wife are teachers in East Point schools

September 8, 1959

Mr. Clayton D. Hutchins, Chief
School Finance Section
Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
Office of Education
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hutchins:

We are pleased to send you two copies of If the Schools Are Closed..., as you requested.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

September 8, 1959

Mr. Frank J. Corbett
Bridgeport Inter-Group Council, Inc.
460 Washington Avenue
Bridgeport 4, Conn.

Dear Mr. Corbett:

I regret that we have not been more prompt in our reply to your letter of August 18; we kept hoping to turn up something.

We seem to have in our files no items of interest on the subject of blackface minstrels. We can suggest that you obtain a copy, if you have not already done so, of the United Church Herald, June 18, 1959, which does have an interesting article. (The magazine's address is 1720 Chouteau Ave., St. Louis, 3, Missouri.)

I suppose this is another of those questions on which it is above all important to keep a sense of proportion. Just as it is saddening to see well-intentioned persons seek to censor serious literature, such as Huckleberry Finn or Uncle Remus or Oliver Twist, because authors characterized members of minority groups in ways that offend current sentiments; so it is irritating to see a minority deliberately burlesqued, as in minstrel shows, just to titillate other people's complacent superiority.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

__via air mail__ September 8, 1959

Mr. Cornelius Tarplee
P. O. Box 853
Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Neil:

In talking with John Morris this morning I learned that he has no record of having received our two memos about the Southern Interagency meeting of September 15 - 16.

Since I have not heard from you on this matter, I wonder if you, too, have been overlooked some way. On that chance, enclosed are the two memos which we have sent out.

We are hopeful that you can be with us.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures

September 9, 1959

Mrs. W. R. Bragg
1206 N. Madison Avenue
Albany, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Bragg:

Please note that the dates of the Fellowship of the Concerned are November 5-6, so perhaps you can be with us both days. If you find that you can only come on the 6th, well do that and I will also write Mrs. Avera to this effect.

The United Church Women of Georgia are having a meeting at Glenn Memorial Education Building on the campus of Emory University on September 24. On the 25th it becomes a meeting of the Fellowship of the Concerned. At 10:00 on September 24, I am calling together a group to complete the plans for our workshop for November 5-6. I will most certainly want you to be in this meeting. I will finance a car from Albany for you and Mrs. Sapp and any others that you care to bring with you. I certainly do need you at this planning meeting. I would appreciate it if you would let me hear from you.

I have just returned from Dallas where I attended the National Conference on Human Relations. It was magnificent. I wish you might have been with us. It was the kind of thing that you would have appreciated.

With love and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

__via air mail__ September 9, 1959

Mrs. Winifred G. Meskus
The New World Foundation
120 South La Salle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Winifred:

This is a very belated word about the Springfield College request.

In addition to reading it myself, I asked Paul Rilling of our staff -- who formerly directed the YMCA's special campus race relations project -- to look it over.

We are both of the opinion that this is a better-than-average program proposal. Springfield College is, of course, __the__ YMCA college. And, as Paul Rilling observes, the YMCA "couldn't say no to Springfield," even though the YMCA is the most conservative of the agencies which would be involved.

Since the project would depend so heavily on the wholehearted cooperation of the community agencies, it would be desirable to have some evidence of their commitment to it. Glenn Olds may already have such assurances of support and cooperation from the YM, YW, and others.

Obviously, this is a pretty long-range effort. Like all these "investment-in-people" efforts, its effects won't be felt for several years. The first year will apparently be limited almost exclusively to metropolitan YMCA staffers. I would raise the question whether they might not begin with more agencies and a more accelerated program, so that the effects of the project would be felt more quickly and on a broader scale. Also, it might jog up the YMCAers if they were thrown in with professionals from less cautious agencies.

As you know, however, we are obsessed with the urgency of the race relations situation and have trouble visualizing projects that take more than a few months to begin yielding tangible results. So you and Vernon may want to discount my comments accordingly.

Rilling and I made no effort to flyspeck the budgets, which might call for some adjustment one way or another; but the total figure doesn't seem unreasonable for the program proposed.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 9, 1959

Professor Lynwood Holland
Department of Political Science
Emory University
Atlanta 22, Georgia

Dear Lynwood:

I read today the article by you and Joe Bernd on Negro suffrage in Georgia, and want quickly to send you my praises. It is a good job. I hope you will not forget to send us a reprint when you have them.

I am not sure whether you have been sent a copy of Margaret Price's new pamphlet on Negro voting--which we published last week. I am enclosing it.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD;a
CC: Professor Joseph Bernd
Department of Political Science
Southern Methodist University
Dallas, Texas

September 9, 1959

Professor Walter F. Murphy
Department of Political Science
Princeton University
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Murphy:

Because of your own writing on the subject, I thought you might be interested in the enclosed pamphlet by Professors Green and Gauerke of Emory University. I hope you may find its analysis of financial and other practical problems sufficiently good to stand along your own excellent legal discussion.

If you still have a reprint of your article available, I would be very grateful to have one.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

September 9, 1959

Rev. ~~Mr.~~ Harold E. Fuller, Jr.
Board of Christian Education
Presbyterian Church in the United States
8 North Sixth Street
Richmond 9, Virginia

Dear Mr. Fuller:

We are mailing you today six copies of the pamphlet, *If the Schools Are Closed...*, as you requested. One copy of the pamphlet is free upon request; we are therefore billing you for five copies at .25 each.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

September 9, 1959

Mrs. Joe R. Brewer, chairman
Women's Emergency Committee to Open
Our Schools
P. O. Box 122
Pulaski Heights Station
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Brewer:

In the September 6 issue of the Arkansas Gazette we noted a report on a recently issued book called "Little Rock Report: The City, Its People, Its Business."

We would like very much to receive six copies of this mimeographed book; if there is any charge, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

September 9, 1959

Mrs. Joe R. Brewer, Chairman
Women's Emergency Committee to Open Our Schools
P. O. Box 122
Pulaski Heights Station
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Brewer:

The article in Sunday's Arkansas Gazette concerning your committee's study is most interesting.

Could we please have several copies of this report?

Thank you and best regards.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

Same letter to:
Mrs. John S. Corsell
Mrs. Max Goldstein
Mr. Art Levin
Mrs. N. E. Freeman
Mrs. Arthur Styron
Mrs. E. C. Calhoun

September 9, 1959

Mrs. Bee Wild
Anti-Defamation League
41 Exchange Place, S. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Wild:

On September 24-25, the United Church Women of Georgia are having a workshop at Glenn Memorial Education Building on the campus of Emory University, in connection with the Fellowship of the Concerned. At 10:00 on the morning of the 24th I am calling a meeting to further the plans for our southwide meeting of the Fellowship of the Concerned which will be at Clark College, November 5-6. I certainly need you to help with the plans. These two days with the United Church Women are going to be more than worth while.

Hoping you will be with us, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

September 9, 1959

Mrs. E. V. Ennis
1536 Holland Avenue
Norfolk 9, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Ennis:

We certainly do have a problem about your chairmen of Christian Social Relations. What do you say to my doing this, inviting all of your conference secretaries and then let you write to your chairmen you have already written and tell them if they think they can come to get in touch with me. If I get any replies from them, I will certainly take care of them.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

September 9, 1959

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Top Knot
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

Two relatively minor points of fact for your most recent article: (1) In criticizing North Carolina's token integration, you use the pre-September figure for Negroes in formerly all-white schools -- 13, I believe; as you know, the number is now approximately 50. (2) The lady in Florida who was penalized for lunching with a Negro staff-member was a woman doctor and public health officer for three counties.

Thanks for your fine letter to the Asheville Citizen defending the good name of Mr. Dabbs and SRC.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 9, 1959

Mr. Robert Hughes
Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 1218, Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Bob:

Thanks for your letter concerning the Dallas meeting and your Little Rock stopover. Enclosed is our check for the plane fare.

I know this will find you in the midst of annual conference with all that implies. We'll be thinking of you this week.

Unfortunately, Bob Baker's trip had to be deferred because of the death of his mother. He is arriving here in Atlanta tomorrow and will be showing up in Birmingham in due course. He was disappointed not to be there for the conference, but you can fill him in.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1. (Check #510; $104.23)

September 9, 1959

Miss Rosetta Gardner
National Student Secretary
Southern Region
Suite 301
41 Exchange Place, S. E.
Atlanta 5, Georgia

Dear Miss Gardner:

Thanks for your good letter of September 8. I too enjoyed and benefited from the Lake Forest meeting and only wish I could have made a greater contribution to the group's thinking and planning.

Enclosed are six copies of our "L" report on the Washington schools.

Call on us any time we may be able to be of assistance to you and your fellow staff members.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 6.

Reading File

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E.
ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA
JAckson 2-8764

HAROLD C. FLEMING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

MEMORANDUM September 10, 1959

To: The Members of the Council

From: Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

Re: **ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.**

As provided in our bylaws, the Annual Meeting of the Council will be held in Atlanta on Wednesday, November 11th.

We will send you the particulars of the meeting at a later date. This is merely to ask you to place this date on your calendar.

It is likely that an informal dinner will be planned for the evening of the 10th for those members who have arrived by that time. We hope as many persons as possible will be in Atlanta for this occasion as well as for the meeting on the 11th.

The Council will, of course, be responsible for all expenses involved.

We look forward to seeing you on November 11th and hope that you will make every effort to be with us.

Best regards.

September 10, 1959

Mr. Harry Spicer
2260 Langston Street
Springfield, Missouri

Dear Mr. Spicer:

We did have a small quantity of pamphlets concerning labor unions, which were given to us to distribute to persons interested in information on labor unions. We have exhausted our supply.

If you will write to the National Labor Service, 386 Fourth Avenue, NewYork 16, N. Y.; to The Trades Unionist, 1311 L Street N.W., Washington 5, D.C.; and to the Fund for the Republic, 60 East 42 Street, New York 17, N. Y. they will supply you with informational material on American Labor Unions for the national debates.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

September 10, 1959

Mrs. Moise S. Cahn
Forty Versailles Boulevard
New Orleans 15, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Cahn:

Thanks for your letter of September 3 giving us further word of your progress toward organization of New Orleans people concerned with preserving public schools.

I should like nothing better than to meet with you, but unfortunately I'm committed for the week of October 5. While I regret this, I do believe that I could add little to what Paul Rilling has told you of similar community efforts and ways in which SRC might be helpful.

As Paul no doubt pointed out, we will be glad to try to arrange for the services, on a consultant basis, of any kind of specialist you feel might help the situation there. For example, we have made it possible for one of the leaders of the Virginia Public School Committee to consult with interested people in Atlanta and Little Rock. In order to make this more specific, I'm asking Paul to write you further about the types of consultants that we might be able to make available.

Let me add that I'm flattered by your invitation. I am so caught up in the administrative and supervisory role that I have long since given up any pretense of serving in the field. But I am happy that Paul Rilling could meet with your group and I hope you will continue to call on him for any field services, materials, or special information that we can supply. We are anxious to help.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 10, 1959

Dr. J. L. Blair Buck
310 Hillwood Road
Richmond 26, Virginia

Dear Dr. Buck:

I am grateful for your card and your thoughtfulness in sending Mr. Kilpatrick's editorial on the private school analysis. We regarded Kilpatrick's "rebuttal" as something of an unintended compliment -- both because of the space he devoted to it and because of the concessions he makes to the unworkability of private schools as a large-scale substitute for public education.

We have the greatest admiration for you and your associates in the Virginia Committee, and I trust the Fall will bring renewed vigor and effectiveness to its efforts.

Paul Rilling joins me in kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCFmf

September 10, 1959

Mr. Thomas A. Carrere
Acting Superintendent
Charleston Public Schools
Charleston, S. C.

Dear Mr. Carrere:

We are pleased to send you ten copies of _If the Schools Are Closed..._, as you requested. There will be no charge for the pamphlets.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Mailed separately:
10 copies, _If the Schools Are Closed_

September 10, 1959

Miss Alice Vardaman
Elections Research Center
Governmental Affairs Institute
1726 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Miss Vardaman:

We are pleased to send you a copy of The Negro and the Ballot in the South, by Margaret Price, as you requested. There will be no charge to you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

Mailed separately:
The Negro and the Ballot

September 10, 1959

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Director
Penn Community Services, Inc.
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

I am at fault about not having written you earlier on the interagency meeting matter; though throughout the summer I have promoted the idea of having the group come to Penn.

Will Campbell, chairman of the next meeting made the final decision and this was to have the group meet again at Atlanta University on September 15-16. His main reason im choosing Atlanta rather than Frogmore was his feeling that this meeting is going to be poorly attended at best and it was, therefore, not an appropriate time to change the procedures.

At the meeting next week one of the items on the agenda will be consideration of having a future meeting at Penn. To this, I will add your comment that the spring will be a desirable time. If the group does elect to do this, we will, by choosing a spring date, have quite a bit of time to make the arrangements and otherwise plan for an exceptional meeting. And, parenthetically, I feel the group is in need of a better-than-average meeting, and the seclusion and privacy offered at Penn.

We would be pleased to have you attend the meeting -- commencing at 2:00 p. m. on the 15th -- if you find it convenient to do so. However, the idea will be thoroughly discussed under any circumstances.

Best to Elizabeth and the family.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

September 10, 1959

Mr. Roland Attenborough
229 San Miguel Avenue
Salinas, California

Dear Mr. Attenborough:

At the request of Professor D. R. Green, we are mailing you today (separately) a copy of If the Schools Are Closed...

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

September 10, 1959

Mr. Lawrence V. Willey, Jr.
Executive Director
Center for Field Studies
Harvard University
Spaulding House, 20 Oxford Street
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Willey:

At the request of Professor D. R. Green, we are sending you two copies of our pamphlet, If the Schools Are Closed... There will be no charge. If additional copies are ordered, the charges will be .25 per copy.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

Mailed separately:
2 copies, If the Schools Are Closed...

September 10, 1959

Mrs. Sandra G. Dahm, Secretary
Turnbull Estate Planning Associates
Life Insurance Building
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Dahm:

We are mailing you today (separately) three copies of our pamphlet, If the Schools Are Closed... There will be no charge. We are also enclosing our mimeographed report L-8A, which gives in brief some of the information in the pamphlet. If additional copies of the pamphlet are ordered, there will be a charge of .25 per copy. Copies of L-8A are free.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

Enclosure: L-8A
Mailed separately: 3 copies, If the Schools Are Closed...

September 10, 1959

Mrs. George A. Reif
1512 McDowell Rd.
Norfolk 13, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Reif:

We seem to be able to locate nothing in our correspondance files regarding Joshua Fishman. I have done a little checking and so far as I can ascertain he is a respected psychologist who has written a couple of monograms of a theoretical nature in what, I understand, is called "attitude research." In other words, so far as I can find out, you would be safe in cooperating with him though it does seem a bit strange that he has used Harold Fleming's name. Perhaps when you see him you might tactfully inquire about this.

It is good to hear that you are making renewed progress with the manuscript and we look forward to reading it again. It probably would be wise for you to read Dr. White's article; it is always worth a double check to make sure that we of the right side speak, if not with one voice, at least with the same facts, (though as far as I could judge without your manuscript here, you and Dr. White are in full harmony).

As you did not call collect, I want you to send me the telephone bill.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
airmail

September 10, 1959

Mr. R. D. Blakeney, Superintendent
Thomasville City Schools
Thomasville, Georgia

Dear Mr. Blakeney:

I so very much admired your thoughtful letter of September 8 that I have shown it to several others on our staff here. I don't believe it is false modesty to say that our activities will contribute less to this region than will the presence of persons such as yourself. The Southern Regional Council has never had, and will not have, any legislative program. What we have hoped for, above all, is that communities throughout the South, acting with local leadership, will work steadily toward improved social and human relations, and to the building of communities in which all citizens can live with equal dignity. I have never had the good fortune to become acquainted with Thomasville, but I suspect from your letters that it has the sort of leadership which the South so keenly wants.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

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September 10, 1959

Mrs. L. A. Doyle
1361 Oxford Road, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Doyle:

We are mailing you today a copy of the pamphlet, If the Schools Are Closed..., by Professors Green and Gauerke, as you requested by telephone.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

September 10, 1959

Miss Martha H. Covey
Reference Librarian
Emory University
Emory 22, Georgia

Dear Miss Covey:

We are mailing you today (separately) a copy of The Negro and the Ballot in the South, as you requested. There is no charge for this copy; any subsequent copies will be .40 each.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

September 10, 1959

Mr. F. W. Jones
P. O. Box 4
Ponchatoula, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Jones:

We are mailing you today (separately) a copy of our pamphlet, If the Schools Are Closed..., as you requested. There is no charge for one copy, but additional copies are .25 each.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

September 10, 1959

Mrs. George Callcott
c/o Department of History
University of Maryland
College Park, Maryland

Dear Mrs. Callcott:

It was very pleasant seeing you again, when you were in Atlanta, and I regret that you chanced to visit on a day (or rather entire month) when I was under pressure to finish several rush projects of the research department. Summer is our busiest time, it seems, and we had several deadlines to meet on our publications for fall.

If you think of any ways in which we might be helpful to you, do let us know.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

P.S. I am mailing you, separately, our latest publication, The Negro and the Ballot in the South.

September 11, 1959

Mrs. Victor Kerns
243 E. Thach Avenue
Auburn, ~~Avenue~~ ala

Dear Mrs. Kerns:

The southwide workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned will be in Atlanta, November 5-6, and I very much wish you would come to it. Of course all of your expenses will be paid for and you can stay at the Piedmont Hotel. The meeting is at Clark College. I think you would find many people here whom you already know. I certainly hope you find it possible to be with us.

I hope things are better for you in Auburn than they were in Montgomery. But what you women did in Montgomery was not a lost motion. Maybe in a way we ought to thank the Montgomery Home News for letting it be known that there are some strong and wonderful women in Montgomery who are concerned about our people.

I think about you a great deal and know what happened to you. Democracy comes through suffering, but it does come finally.

With the best of wishes to you and yours, and hoping that you will be with us, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

Materials mailed:
Negro and the Ballot
Intimidation, Reprisal and Violence
If the Schools Are Closed...
Background Report on School Desegregation

September 11, 1959

Mr. Howard K. Smith
Broadcast House
CBS, Washington Bureau
Washington 16, D. C.

Dear Mr. Smith:

Following up your telephone request for Council material, we are placing your name on our mailing list for all future materials.

We are also mailing to you, under separate cover, some of our recent material.

If we can be of any additional assistance to you or your organization, please let us know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

September 11, 1959

Mr. Lewis Deer
222 South Downey Avenue
Indianapolis 7, Indiana

Dear Mr. Deer:

I am in and out of the office through the summer, but get in every now and then. It was such a joy to find your letter telling me you would be with us during the workshop of The Fellowship of the Concerned. The dates as you know are November 5 and 6, and we meet at Clark College. You can have a room out there or at the Piedmont Hotel. Let me know and I will make reservation for you.

We begin at 11:00 a.m. on the 5th. The workshop groups definitely get down to work in the afternoon. Not only do we want you to be a leader of one of the groups, but aid in the discussion from the floor.

That evening we are counting on you to help us find an abiding spiritual basis for what we must do. The general theme we are working on is "American Conscience." The cover page of the workbook is a tree and its roots in outline and through it are verses of scripture- that show us roots of democracy planted by God through ancient Israel and Jesus. Name your subject for me.

The next day happens to be World Community Day and will give an hour to it--the workshop groups continue.

I am personally looking forward with a great deal of joy of having you with us. I know our women will rejoice also.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

September 11, 1959

Miss Eleanor French
175 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Miss French:

The Fellowship of the Concerned--Southern Women Concerned About Their South, will have its workshop at Clark College which is a beautiful Negro college built by the Pfeiffers. If you wish you may stay there or at the Piedmont Hotel if it is more convenient to you in any way.

The workshop begins at 11:00 a.m. on November 5th. The morning session will be finding out who we are, presentation of problems we must face. We have lunch right in that same room. The afternoon will be devoted to the workshop groups. Mrs. Bender will be the leader. We will need you in one of the groups. At the evening session, Dr. Lewis Deer, a member of the National Board of The Christian Church will speak to help us plant our feet on a strong spiritual basis. Then we would like for you to speak out of your great experience - the tie-up of our problem with the world picture. Name your subject. You can speak as long as you wish.

The next day is on World Community Day and we will have the neighboring community with us, with you as leader. This should take about an hour. Give us a challenge in this as only one who knows the world as one community can do.

We are so glad you are coming.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

September 11, 1959

Mrs. Margaret Bender
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Margaret Bender:

Our community is rejoicing that you will speak again at our church on November 4th. I will make reservation for you that night at the Briarcliff Hotel. If Mrs. Ennis has a meeting of her standing committee they will be there also, and all of you can come together to the church. If not we will send someone for you.

You will move to Clark College the next day or to the Piedmont Hotel if it will be more convenient in any way for you.

We begin at 11:00 a.m. on the 5th with a short worship, find who we are, and begin some presentation of special problems.

In the afternoon, you and the groups take over in any way you wish. One thing I know we must face realistically just what is the "Church." Charles Allen's speech about his obligation to the children of the congregation to open his church for school for them - certainly needs airing. It was difficult for me not to challenge him on this. His church is surrounded by a slum area in which both Negroes and white people live - the church doesn't touch them. The place of the church for the community, the effect of defying the Supreme Court decision, the delay, if many churches hold schools, in the opening of all schools for all children--all these are some of the factors.

Georgia has a law that all schools will be closed if anyone is closed because of being ordered to integrate.

On the 6th, World Community Day service will not be passed by, Miss French will be with us. Then again you have the workshop groups, or perhaps we may put World Community Day last.

You will hear from us again. As Thelma puts it, "thanks a million" for all you are doing.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

September 11, 1959

Mr. Charles J. Turck
The Japan International Christian
  University Foundation, Inc.
44 East 22nd Street
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Turck:

Your letter of July 8, has remained unanswered, not because I did not appreciate it, but because life is so full of things that I have got to do in our present Southern situation, that I find it difficult many times to do the things that I would like to do. I want you to know that your letter certainly did give me a lift.

I was glad to renew the acquaintance and fellowship that we had on the trip to Israel. I was more than delighted to know that you are the director of the Japan International Christian University Foundation. I happen to be one of those associated with it, and this morning I received a very thick envelop with much in it.

The Fellowship of the Concerned--Southern Women Concerned About Their South will have a southwide workshop, November 5-6, at Clark College. It will bring together church women leaders in the field of Social Action from the Southern states. These are brave women, many going against the will of their families by their stpong convictions. Their slogan is to find a conviction that will not let you rest, a faith that will not shrink and courage that will not waver.

We have been having these meetings before the second world war, the first one was directed by Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames. We called ourselves then, the Association of Southern Women for the Prevention of Lynching. It was a well organized campaign and we did succeed in eradicating lynching from our South. And in this present school crisis the women will have to be the interpreters and shock absorbers of this social change.

Thanking you again for your wonderful letter, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Enclosures

September 11, 1959

Honorable Richard Nixon
The Vice President of the United States
Washington, D. C.

Dear Vice President Nixon:

I happen to be one of those who attended the Religious Leaders Conference which was held in Washington, May 11, 1959.

On November 5-6, we will bring together under the auspices of the Southern Regional Council, a group of church women leaders in the field of Social Action, from the Southern states in a workshop on problems of Human Relations. I would like very much to have a speaker on Government Contracts on the afternoon of November 5, if at all possible. This is a very strong group of church women of the South, selected by their own denominations to attend the workshop. We have been holding similar workshops for a great many years, until we have come to call ourselves the Fellowship of the Concerned--Southern Women Concerned About Their South. ~~And~~ We do want you to know that we are concerned about employment for all people.

We will be most grateful to you if you will help us with our program in this manner.

I wish to express my appreciation of the Religious Leaders Conference sponsored by The President's Committee on Government Contracts.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

Daily File

September 11, 1959

Mr. Harold J. Gerberg
Burrelle's Press Clipping Bureau
165 Church Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Gerberg:

Enclosed are four clippings which should be credited to account number 9649.

Again, these clippings refer to the Southern Regional Council on Mental Health Training and Research. This is the second group of clippings of this type we have had to return this week and the third in two weeks.

We hope this can be remedied.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Enclosures

September 11, 1959

Mr. & Mrs. James Stokely
405 Clifton Heights
Newport, Tennessee

Dear Jim and Wilma:

The enclosed letter to the A. U. librarian should do the trick.

I'll be here September 30 through October 2 and will look forward to seeing you.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

September 11, 1959

Mr. William Bennett
Chief Librarian
Trevor Arnett Library
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Bennett:

Mr. and Mrs. James R. Stokely, Jr., of Newport, Tennessee, have expressed to us an interest in consulting the files of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation. Mr. and Mrs. Stokely are good friends of the Southern Regional Council and are engaged in an important research project.

In conformity with the agreement between the Council and the University, this is to advise you that Mr. and Mrs. Stokely have our permission to consult the Commission files. We will be grateful for whatever assistance you and your staff may give them.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
cc: Mr. and Mrs. James Stokely

September 11, 1959

Mr. C. P. Brannin
5614 Ridgedale
Dallas 6, Texas

Dear Mr. Brannin:

We were glad to have your letter of September 3. You should have received by now a copy of Intimidation, Reprisal, and Violence and a film bibliography which explains how "The Face of the South" can be obtained.

As to your further query, we have been following fairly closely the current legal efforts to close Highlander Folk School. These efforts are clearly motivated by segregationist intolerance, and the charges are trumped-up. As you probably know, a committee of the Tennessee Legislature recently tried to find "proof" of Communist influence at Highlander, completely without success. In view of that, and in view of the fact that after investigation the Internal Revenue Service restored Highlander's tax-exemption, it is reasonable to assume that such charges have been found to be without substance.

I haven't myself participated in Highlander's program of resident workshops, seminars, and so on, and thus am unable to give you any informed evaluation of its program effectiveness.

Incidentally, the publicity which listed me as a speaker at the Methodist meeting in Dallas was in error. However, I should like to visit Dallas eventually, and in such an event will hope to meet you.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 11, 1959

Mr. Andrew F. Brimmer
Assistant Professor
Michigan State University
College of Business and Public Service
Department of Economics
East Lansing, Michigan

Dear Mr. Brimmer:

In reply to your letter of September 1st, which has been referred to this office, we are enclosing several articles which we hope may be helpful to you in the preparation of your paper. You may be interested in ordering the complete Louisville Defender series on Teacher Integration (available from that newspaper, 714 W. Chestnut Street, Louisville 2, Kentucky); however, the articles not included here are concerned exclusively with Louisville and are largely a statement of the case for desegregation of teaching staffs in that city. The American Friends Service Committee has, I believe, surveyed some border cities having interracial teaching staffs and they may be able to furnish you with further information. Write to: American Friends Service Committee, P. O. Box 1307, High Point, North Carolina.

You might also wish to contact Mr. Robert Thompson, Atlanta Urban League, 239 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia, a very knowledgeable person who may be able to furnish references on the economic effects of integration on the Negro middle class. One source which comes to my mind is "The Negro Potential," Eli Ginzberg, Columbia University Press, New York, 1956.

If copies of your completed paper are ever made available, we would, of course, like very much to have one for our reference files. We hope the enlcosed material will be of some use to you.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc
Enclosures - *Employment, Occupation and Minority Status*, by Dr. Irwin Sobel, Washington University, St. Louis, Mo. (Dr. Sobel may have done further work in the area of your concern.)
NEW SOUTH, April, 1957.
Teacher Integration in St. Louis, by Margaret Dagen
Series 2, 7, 8, 9, and 10 from the Louisville *Defender*
NEW SOUTHERNER: The Middle-Class Negro by Wilma Dykeman and James Stokely.
THE SOUTHERN NEGRO: Change and Paradox, by John N. Popham, New York Times reprint.

September 14, 1959

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

We have discussed with Miss Wilkins and Dr. Clement the need to have a Personnel Committee meeting prior to the Executive Committee meeting on October 5th. For this purpose we wonder if it would be convenient and possible for you to arrive in Atlanta in time for a meeting on Sunday afternoon, October 4th?

The number of matters to be brought before the Committee makes it unlikely that a satisfactory meeting could be held on Monday morning as we have done in the past. Dr. Clement can not be present on Sunday. However, our tentative plan, subject to your schedule, is to have you and Miss Wilkins meet on Sunday afternoon. On Monday morning, prior to the Executive Committee meeting, all three members of the Personnel Committee could review the decisions which you and Miss Wilkins made on Sunday.

If it is possible for you to be here then, we will make a hotel reservation for you at the Piedmont on the night of the 4th and otherwise plan for the meeting.

While you are here, I hope we can make the final arrangements for the Williamsburg meeting.

I should send to Williamsburg the names of our participants no later than October 6th, if at all possible. In this regard, if there is anything further we can do, we will be happy to get about it before your arrival.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
63 Auburn Avenue, NE
Atlanta, Georgia

MEMORANDUM   September 14, 1959

To: SRC Nominating Committee
Mr. Thomas W. Young
Miss Dorcas Ruthenburg
Rev. W. Carroll Brooke
Mr. L. D. Milton
Dr. Raymond Wheeler

From: Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

Re: FOLLOW-UP OF MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 9.

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As we agreed, this is to summarize the actions taken at your meeting the other day. Beside the name of each nominee, I have indicated which member consented to approach the nominee informally to ascertain his willingness to serve if elected. Your further help in this respect will be appreciated, and again I want to express the staff's thanks to each of you for the thoroughness and skill with which you approached this assignment for the Council.

Mr. Young was elected Chairman of the Nominating Committee. It was also decided that each of the persons nominated for Council (board) membership, if elected, serve a full four-year term. An asterisk (*) below indicates a nominee for re-election to the position indicated.

Officers Nominated

President - James McBride Dabbs*
Vice-Presidents - Marion A. Wright,* A. W. Dent,* Miss Josephine Wilkins, Rufus E. Clement
Legal Counsel - Joseph Haas*

Executive Committee Nominations

Paul Christopher*
John A. Griffin*
Mrs. Grace Hamilton*
L. D. Milton
Rabbi Jacob Rothschild
Rev. Duncan Hunter*
Father Alexander O. Sigur*
John H. Wheeler*
Rev. W. Carroll Brooke

Board Members Nominated

Bishop John E. Hines (Mr. Brooke)
Houston, Texas

Victor Bussie (Staff)
Shreveport, Louisiana

Mrs. Vivian Carter Mason (Mr. Young)
Norfolk, Virginia

Mrs. W. F. Bates*
North Little Rock, Arkansas

Most Rev. Joseph B. Brunini*
Jackson, Mississippi

Herbert M. Davidson*
Daytona Beach, Florida

Luther H. Foster*
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Harry L. Golden*
Charlotte, North Carolina

C. G. Gomillion*
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

M. LaFayette Harris*
Little Rock, Arkansas

E. A. McDowell*
Wake Forest, North Carolina

Mrs. J. N. Rayzor*
Houston, Texas

J. M. Richards*
Decatur, Georgia

H. V. Richardson*
Atlanta, Georgia

Board Members Nominated - continued

Miss Florence Sytz*
New Orleans, Louisiana

Mrs. J. F. Tillman*
Lewisburg, Tennessee

Fred Alexander (Dr. Wheeler)
Charlotte, North Carolina

J. Ray Shute (Dr. Wheeler)
Monroe, North Carolina

Francis Pickens Miller (Mr. Brooke)
Charlottesville, Virginia

Alternate Nominees

Bishop Randolph Claibourne (1st alt. for Bishop Hines)
Atlanta, Georgia

Bishop Richard H. Baker (2d alt. for Bishop Hines)
Greensboro, North Carolina

Mrs. Morris Young (Alt. for Mrs. Mason)
Anderson, South Carolina

Mrs. Abbie Clement Jackson (Alt. for Mr. Alexander)
Louisville, Kentucky

Brooks Hays (1st alt.-at-large)
Knoxville, Tennessee

Omer Carmichael (2d alt.-at-large)
Louisville, Kentucky

Stewart Carter (3d alt.-at-large)
Fincastle, Virginia

Robert E. Leflar (4th alt.-at-large)
Fayetteville, Arkansas

Henry Brandis (5th alt.-at-large)
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Nominations for 1960 Nominating Committee

Mr. Thomas W. Young*
Norfolk, Virginia

Miss Dorcas Ruthenburg*
Louisville, Kentucky

Dr. Raymond Wheeler*
Charlotte, North Carolina

September 14, 1959

Mr. Paul Christopher
Regional Director, AFL-CIO
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

At its meeting last week, our Nominating Committee was unanimous in feeling that Victor Bussie's name should be put before the annual meeting.

As you know, it's customary to get some informal word of consent from a person before he is nominated. Would you be willing to sound out Mr. Bussie for us? If so, please write him or call him at SRC's expense, whichever you think would be best.

We appreciate your suggesting Mr. Bussie and will be doubly grateful for your help on the next step.

I'm looking forward to seeing you on October 5.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 14, 1959

Mrs. J. N. Rayzor
3207 Groveland Lane
Houston, Texas

Dear Mrs. Rayzor:

Our Nominating Committee met last week and nominated, among others, Bishop Hines. We are grateful to you for the suggestion and will be doubly so for your help on the next step.

It is customary in advance of annual meetings to make some informal approach to prospective nominees regarding their willingness to accept if elected. This is a rather delicate procedure, since theoretically a nominee might not be elected by the annual meeting. Therefore, we have tried to avoid official SRC communications, but have relied instead on quiet "soundings" by friends or board members of SRC who are acquainted with the person.

This is to ask if you would be willing to discuss the matter informally with Bishop Hines as to his willingness to have his name placed in nomination. (As you know, in practice this is tantamount to election.) If for any reason you would prefer not to undertake this, I should be grateful for your suggestion of a suitable person to do so.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 14, 1959

The Honorable Sam J. Ervin, Jr.
Box 96
Morganton, North Carolina

My dear Senator Ervin:

In response to your letter of September 12, I am sending you the enclosed copy of our recent report, "The Negro and the Ballot in the South." I refer you particularly to pages 8 and 9 for a discussion of voter registration figures.

As you will see, we did not find a decrease in Negro registration for the entire South; the drop of 45,845 referred to by the Washington Post applied to eight states for which reliable statewide figures could be secured. In several of the eight states Negro registration increased, but these gains were offset by losses in other states. In each state where a decline occurred, the figures were obtained from official state sources.

Our figures for North Carolina show a gain of 15,000 Negro registrants between 1956 and 1958. No one regrets more than we that it has not been possible to give complete county-by-county figures for North Carolina; we have simply not been able to obtain these figures for every county in the State. However, our statewide estimates -- the latest made by the executive secretary of the State Election Board -- have not been challenged and have tallied with estimates used by such respected newspapers as the Winston-Salem Journal and Sentinel.

The Southern Regional Council's only purpose is to present as accurate a picture of registration and voting as possible. Our readiness to report progress in Negro suffrage is clearly evident in the reports we have published periodically since 1947.

If we can furnish additional information on these or other questions, feel free to call on us.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1

"The Negro and the Ballot..."

September 14, 1959

Miss Fay M. Blake
Non-Partisan Committee for Political
Education
601 South Vermont Avenue
Los Angeles, California

Dear Miss Blake:

While we would like very much to be of help in supplying the information requested in your recent letter, I regret that we are unable to do so.

The Southern Regional Council, as a tax-exempt organization is, of course, non-partisan and non-political. Therefore, it is necessary for us to engage in no activities which might cast reflection on that status.

I am sending, under separate cover, one of our most recent studies "The Negro and the Ballot in the South," which may be of some interest to you.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PAmf

September 14, 1959

Mr. Herbert J. Blitz
Office of Senator Javits
United States Senate Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Herb:

Thanks for your letter of the 3rd and the Record insert.

In regard to Senator Ervin's remarks, you may be interested to know how the "error" came about. The 1957 printed report did not include county-by-county registration figures. These were made available in mimeographed form however, and Senator Douglas inserted into the Record one of the first copies available. There were several typographical errors in this first release but the greatest misunderstanding came from failure to correctly interpret the symbols "o" and "-".

While the "o" meant that no Negroes were registered, the "-" meant that no figures were available to the consultant or the source used. This was particularly the case in a number of counties in Alabama and North Carolina. This "-", in several instances erroneously interpreted to mean none - led to considerable confusion and criticism. In fact, it was necessary to make a clearer interpretation of the symbols in later copies of the mimeographed report.

You will note, incidentally, that the 1959 report - with the exception of Texas - includes only county-by-county data where it could be obtained from official sources. Thus, if there is any question of the cited figures - unless we have made typographical errors - the dispute is with the state office concerned.

Your sending us the Record insert prompts me to request a favor of you, if it is reasonable. Our research department could make good use of the Congressional Record if it were regularly available. Would it be possible for us to be added to Senator Javits' list for that purpose?

Adjournment may have become a fact by the time you receive this. If so, I am sure you welcome and deserve some let-up from the demands of the good job you have been doing.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

September 14, 1959

Educational Testing Service
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Sirs:

Could you tell us if you have done studies for other southern cities similar to your statistical report on Atlanta public schools, 1955-56? If so, are copies available from your office?

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

September 14, 1959

Mr. Wiley Branton, Attorney
219 East Barraque Street
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Branton:

Thank you so much for your courtesy in granting me an interview last Saturday morning. The Council staff was extremely interested in my report, particularly regarding the harassment within Central High School. As you know, this has been denied in press reports.

If there is any way in which we can be of service to you, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

September 14, 1959

Mr. Bill Miles, City Editor
Pine Bluff Commercial
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Miles:

I just want to thank you, again, for your courtesy in giving your time to tell Ed and me about the Dollarway School situation in Pine Bluff. It is always very helpful for the Council to know local opinions and have the "news behind the headlines" slant.

Under separate cover I am sending you several of our latest publications, in the hope that you will find them interesting and informative.

Please thank Mr. Wright for us, too.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

P.S. I looked up the present status of recreation in the parks in New Orleans. All facilities are desegregated except the swimming pool, which was closed. So far as we know, it is still closed.

September 14, 1959

Professor Milton R. Konvitz
Institute for Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Professor Konvitz:

We are pleased to send you a copy of our pamphlet, The Negro and the Ballot in the South, as requested by Miss Anna E. Lane. There will be no charge.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Mailed separately:
The Negro and the Ballot

September 14, 1959

Professor Lee Coleman
Department of Sociology
University of Kentucky
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Lee:

We have recently been considering the usefulness of publishing something dealing with Negro crime. Our immediate interest arises from concern over the spate of news stories in recent months, and our belief that we might be able to do something, by way of interpreting crime rates, to put these stories into a more correct perspective. The problem, though, is what to do. We have a few ideas, but I am wondering if any approach occurs to you, which would be both feasible and effective, in presenting Negro crime as primarily a social and economic, rather than racial, problem. Tentatively, we think of this, if we do it at all, as a mimeographed report; if it seemed desirable, however, we might make a pamphlet of it.

Best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

September 14, 1959

Professor C. H. Parrish, Chairman
Department of Sociology
University of Louisville
Louisville, Ky.

Dear C. H.:

We have recently been considering the usefulness of publishing something dealing with Negro crime. Our immediate interest arises from concern over the spate of news stories in recent months, and our belief that we might be able to do something, by way of interpreting crime rates, to put these stories into a more correct perspective. The problem, though, is what to do. We have a few ideas, but I am wondering if any approach occurs to you, which would be both feasible and effective, in presenting Negro crime as primarily a social and economic, rather than racial, problem. Tentatively, we think of this, if we do it at all, as a mimeographed report; if it seemed desirable, however, we might make a pamphlet of it.

How goes the manuscript?

Best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

September 14, 1959

Professor Ralph S. Owings, Dean
School of Education and Psychology
Mississippi Southern College
Station A, Box 24
Hattisburg, Mississippi

Dear Dean Owings:

We are happy to mail you today a copy of our pamphlet, If the Schools Are Closed... by Professors Green and Gauerke.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

Enclosed:
If the Schools Are Closed...

September 14, 1959

Professor James E. Greene, Chairman
Division of Graduate Studies
College of Education
The University of Georgia
Athens, Georgia

Dear Professor Greene:

We were most interested to read in your letter of September 10 of your assignment from the Georgia State Department of Education. If we can be of any help to you as you carry through your project, please let me know.

The enclosed materials are, for the most part, Council publications which I hope will be of value to you. In addition, I can refer you to two legal analyses which seem to be very much worth study. The first is an unsigned article, "School Closing Plans," in the August 1958 Race Relations Law Reporter. The other is the article by Walter Murphy in the November 1958 Journal of Politics. I do not have the title before me, but it is something like "Private Schools and Public Money."

Please let us know if we may be of any further help.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Enclosures:
  If the Schools Are Closed
  L Reports, 7, 8-A, 9, 10
  Kilpatrick editorial
  New South, July-August, June, April, March, February, January, 1959
  Save Our Schools

September 14, 1959

Mrs. Joe R. Brewer, Chairman
Women's Emergency Committee
To Open Our Schools
P. O. Box 3244
Pulaski Heights Station
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Brewer:

Thank you for the prompt reply to my request for your recent report.

However, the promised release, which I would like very much to see, was not included in the letter or the package. I would appreciate receiving one.

Again, thanks, and best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

September 15, 1959

Mrs. S. Fountain Crank
Phyllis Wheatley Branch, YWCA
599 Tatnall Street, S. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Crank:

I accept with pleasure and appreciation the kind invitation to attend a testimonial dinner for Mr. Lorimer Douglas Milton on September 24.

Enclosed is a letter of tribute which we should appreciate your including in the testimonial book to be presented to Mr. Milton on that occasion.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

September 15, 1959

Mrs. Jean A. Morrison
1040 Madison Street
Jackson 2, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Morrison:

We publish a monthly magazine, New South, and we also publish various pamphlets and some mimeographed special reports. Recently, we have been mailing out "L-Reports," usually every two or three weeks. Under separate cover I am mailing you a copy of New South and several L reports, and I am listing some of our more recent publications and special reports. If you will indicate the kinds of statistical data in which you and your husband are interested, we may be able to provide you with suggestions as to sources, if this is something we do not have om hand.

Recent publications:

The Negro and the Ballot in the South (contains statistics on population, registration and voting for southern states)	.40
Intimidation, Reprisal and Violence in the South's Racial Crisis	.40
If the Schools Are Closed...A Critical Analysis of the Private School Plan (one copy without charge upon request; additional copies at .25 each)	
Special Report: A Background Report on School Desegregation for 1959-60. A state-by-state analysis, with "Summary and Prospect"	.20
Special Report: Waiting Room Practices in 21 Southern Cities	.10

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

September 16, 1959

Miss Vivian Irving
615 South East Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Miss Irving:

Thank you for your request. The check more than amply covers the cost of the pamphlets.

Mrs. Cook, our subscription clerk, informs me that you do not get our magazine NEW SOUTH; and so I am taking the liberty of sending you a year's subscription for the $2.00 you mailed.

Since you are interested in voting and other areas of the Council's work, I am adding your name to our complimentary mailing list.

The pamphlets yoy requested are being mailed under separate cover.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

September 16, 1959

Southern Education Reporting Service
Nashville, Tennessee

Gentlemen:

Please send one copy of Southern Schools: Progress and Problems to me in care of the above address. Bill the Southern Regional Council for charges.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc

September 16, 1959

Department of Public Welfare
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

We understand that several months ago you published a report on juvenile delinquency in the District, and that this report contains some information on the delinquency rate among Negroes since 1954. We would be very grateful if we could receive a copy of this report. Please let us know the charges, if any.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

September 16, 1959

Rev. Claude W. Warren
Indian Springs School
Helena, Alabama

Dear Mr. Warren:

We will be most happy to welcome you any day during the week of Sept. 21-26 - although it would be best to skip Monday, if that fits in with your plans. Monday is generally a rather hectic day, with all of us trying to catch up with the week-end mail, newspapers, magazines, etc. and get set for the week.

I'm sure you will enjoy visiting Atlanta, and Marietta too.

We will look forward to hearing from you one day of that week.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

September 16, 1959

Mr. Lawrence W. Towner
707 Maupin Place
Williamsburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Towner:

As you requested, we mailed you 50 copies of If the Schools Are Closed, and two copies of The Negro and the Ballot in the South. We hope they arrived in time for your study group meeting on the 16th.

The private school study usually is .25 each, but we are making you a special price of $6.25 in view of your using it as study group material. There is no charge for the two copies of the voting survey; additional copies will be .40 each.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

pkg. mailed
9-11-59

September 16, 1959

Mr. Will Maslow, Director
Department of Public Affairs
American Jewish Congress
15 East 84th Street
New York 28, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Maslow:

We are mailing you, separately, ten copies of our special report, "A Background Report on School Desegregation for 1959-60" as you requested.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

September 16, 1959

Mr. Edmund D. Campbell
Douglas, O'Bear and Campbell
Southern Building
Washington 5, D.C.

Dear Mr. Campbell:

We are pleased to mail you two copies of our recent publication, If the Schools Are Closed..., as you requested. There is no charge to you. We are also enclosing copies of what we call "L-reports", 1 through 10, and hope you will find them interesting.

We are putting your name on our mailing list to receive the L-reports and all subsequent publications of the research department.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Enclosures:
(2) If the Schools Are Closed
L-Reports, 1 through 10

September 16, 1959

Mr. Ernest Calloway, Chairman
St. Louis NAACP
11 N. Jefferson Avenue
St. Louis 3, Missouri

Dear Mr. Calloway:

We are pleased to mail you today a copy of The Negro and the Ballot in the South, as you requested. We are returning your dollar. This copy is without charge to you. Additional copies are .40 each.

Other recent publications in which you may be interested are:

Intimidation, Reprisal and Violence in the South Racial Crisis - .40

If the Schools Are Closed...A Critical Analysis of the Private School Plan (one copy without charge upon request; additional copies .25 each)

Special Report: A Background Report on School Desegregation for 1959-60. A state-by-state analysis, with "Summary and Prospect". - .20

Special Report: Waiting Room Practices in 21 Southern Cities. - .10

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

Enclosure: $1.00

September 16, 1959

Mr. Don Villarejo
1157 East 61st Street
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Mr. Villarejo:

We are mailing you today, separately, a copy of The Negro and the Ballot Box, as you requested. The cost is .40.

One of the best studies on housing is Where Shall We Live?, report of the Commission on Race and Housing and this can be obtained from Sales Department, University of California Press, Berkeley 4, California. Single copies are $1.50. We have issued a mimeographed special report on housing in Atlanta, and we will mail you a copy (without charge) within a week. We have exhausted our supply but plan to mimeograph more copies as soon as we can get to it.

If you have not seen it, you may be interested in the March issue of Community, 4233 South Indiana Avenue, Chicago 53, Illinois. This issue has a good article on housing.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

Mailed separately:
The Negro and the Ballot

September 17, 1959

The Rev. Ben F. Wyland
President-Executive Secretary
The Florida Council for Racial Cooperation
3028 Ninth Avenue North
St. Petersburg, Florida

Dear Mr. Wyland:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your report to the Civil Rights Commission; it will be useful to us in our files on suffrage. We have all read it with great interest.

We have been following the press reports regarding the Dixie Hollins High School case.

A copy of The Negro and the Ballot in the South is being mailed to you today. There will be no charge to you. Additional copies are .40 each.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming

HCF:a
Mailed separately:
The Negro and the Ballot

September 17, 1959

Professor Herbert Waltzer
Department of Government
Miami University
Oxford, Ohio

Dear Professor Waltzer:

We are sending the requested copy of The Negro and the Ballot in the South, and are putting your name on our mailing list for other publications.

There is ordinarily a charge for this pamphlet (.40 each); however, we are glad to make an exception for small quantities for classroom use and the ten additional copies which you requested are being sent.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Mailed separately:
(11) The Negro and the Ballot
(1) The Negro Voter in the South
(1) L-1
(1) Background Report

September 17, 1959

Professor H. M. Somers
Chairman, Department of Political Science
Haverford College
Haverford, Pa.

Dear Professor Somers:

We are pleased to send you the three copies of The Negro and the Ballot in the South which you requested for your students.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Mailed separately:
(3) The Negro and the Ballot

September 17, 1959

Mrs. Loy Nelson
Riser Road
Ruston, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Nelson:

Thank you for your letter and your request for the Perkins School of Theology Journal.

Unfortunately, we have only four copies of this Journal remaining. We are mailing these to you, under separate cover.

Since our subscription clerk tells me that you do not receive our monthly publication, NEW SOUTH, and since the donation you mailed more than covers the material mailed to you, I am taking the liberty of placing you on our subscription list for one year. I hope this is satisfactory with you.

Also included with the Journal is an assortment of material on race relations which may be of interest to you. This includes all of our latest material and some additional material which we distribute.

Please let me know if this arrangement is satisfactory.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

September 17, 1959

Miss Mary Lou Mrozynski
12210 Lowe Avenue
Chicago 28, Illinois

Dear Miss Mrozynski:

We are pleased to send you a copy of our pamphlet, If the Schools Are Closed, as you requested.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

September 17, 1959

Mr. Warren R. Cochrane
General Secretary
Butler Street Y.M.C.A.
22 Butler Street, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Cochrane:

For my talk on October 14, I think I shall follow your theme, the South's potential for leadership, and say something about the South's wastage of its political influence through obsessive concentration with racial issues. The title might be, "Our Prodigal Politicians."

As I understand it, you wish me to speak for fifteen to thirty minutes, and to take part in the open discussion until you adjourn.

Regarding your request for biographical detail, I was born in Lewisburg, West Virginia, and grew up in Baltimore. I have a Ph.D. in political science from Cornell and have taught at Emory (1948-51) and Mount Holyoke College (1955-59), as well as part time at Cornell, Smith College, and Holyoke Junior College. I have been a Guggenheim Fellow (1954-55) and have worked for the Atomic Energy Commission (1951-54).

Sincerely,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

September 18, 1959

Mr. Bob Filene
330 E. 43rd Street
New York, New York

Dear Bob:

Elsie Richards asked me to send you a copy of our new voting study and so I am mailing you one under separate cover.

It was pleasant seeing you and the other work-campers this summer although the time was too brief to really get to know each other. I appreciate the interest you and the others showed in the Council's work.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

September 18, 1959

Mrs. Norman Richards
Penn Community Services, Inc.
St. Helena Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Elsie:

Thank you for your letter of September 14, concerning our recent publication. We are mailing you the requested copies under separate cover.

Bill and I remember pleasantly our stay with you and Norman this summer and hope to see you again sometime this fall.

I am also mailing a copy of the voting study to Bob Filene.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

September 18, 1959

Chief Eugene G. Smith
Little Rock Police Department
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Chief Smith:

George McMillan informed us that you had decided the time was not ripe for an interview on the work of your police force in the school-opening excitement. The events of the last several weeks have certainly proved your judgment right.

We hope, however, that you will be willing to see Mr. McMillan when your problems have quieted. What you have been faced with in Little Rock can happen in cities anywhere, particularly in the Deep South, and all over the South there is interest in (and admiration for) your accomplishment. What we would like to publish is a straightforward account of the performance of your department, emphasizing ~~employing~~ the professional police methods which you have employed. We are sure that this would be of benefit and interest to other police and municipal officials, and it would be to them that the pamphlet would be principally distributed.

Mr. McMillan is well qualified for this assignment. Besides being a southerner and deeply familiar with southern societies, he was the official historian of the 1st Marine Division during World War II, and his book, titled *The Old Breed*, was widely applauded and respected. He has written for many magazines, such as *Harpers*, *Colliers*, *Holiday*, and *Sports Illustrated*.

I suggested to Mr. McMillan that he write you or call you again in a short while. We hope that the situation will then be calm enough for you to feel that you can talk with him.

Sincerely,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

lwd:a
original letter re-typed

September 18, 1959

Mrs. E. V. Ennis
1536 Holland Avenue
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Ennis:

I came home from Junaluska and found your letter of September 14, awaiting me. Since your CSR Chairmen have responded, I think we should invite them. So when you send the list of substitutes I will get in touch with them telling them what to do.

You know they have the opportunity of staying at the Piedmont Hotel or Atlanta University, but if you think it best for the new people to stay at the Piedmont I will just tell them where to stay with the suggestion that two persons stay in a room together. Of course the night of the 4th they will be at the Briarcliff Hotel. I hope this is all clear now.

Looking forward to having your group with us, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

September 18, 1959

VIA AIR MAIL

Church World Service
215 - 4th Avenue
New York 3, New York

Dear Sir:

Please send by air mail special delivery three hundred of the folders on World Refugees. Enclosed is two dollars which will perhaps cover the air mail special postage.

We will need these for a meeting for the 24th and 25th of this month.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Enclosure

September 18, 1959

Mr. Benjamin Muse
Manassas, Virginia

Dear Ben:

Enclosed is a clipping concerning one of our L-Reports which I thought you might be interested in seeing. An identical article has also appeared in a Selma, Alabama paper.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Enclosure

September 18, 1959

Mr. Emory Via
465 Orchard
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Emory:

We have discovered that the two issues of NEW SOUTH which you requested we send to the labor organizations are out of stock. We have only a few issues of both the December 1958 and the February 1959.

Since these are the second and third items on the list, I will go ahead and send the fourth item which is L-8. If you have other suggestions for NEW SOUTH, let me know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

September 18, 1959

Mr. George McMillan
Box 299
Aiken, South Carolina

Dear George:

Sorry I must write such a long letter.

In the first place, we hope that the Little Rock police story is only sick, not dead. If you are still interested, use your sense of timing to make another approach to Smith. I have tried to keep the thought alive by a letter (see enclosed); earlier this week, we heard from Ashmore that Smith, since the bombing, was not talking to any reporters, including him. I have been saving clips for you, and am sending them on just to get them off my desk; some may be duplicates.

Second, your third chapter arrived and I shall get it back quickly.

Third, the sort of thing which you propose in your memo of September 8 was done, with varying skill, in a series of pamphlets put out by ADL a couple of years ago: one on Clinton, one on Sturgis, etc. We can be wrong, but I suspect there isn't much to be gained from this, and the reception of the ADL pamphlets would substantiate that belief. Not that it isn't worth doing; it is. But I think every SRC publication has to be designed with the hope and intent of reaching some of the people or groups or media which can have a decisive influence on the move of events. You may think that reports in depth on episodes, as you suggest, would do so, and you may be right; as of now, we can't agree.

Fourth, I have a counter proposal. You have seen our new voting study. You know also that the Commission on Civil Rights has reported, and that Congress will take up civil rights legislation in February. We would like to hit again on the voting issue before then, have out fresh documentation. We are thinking about some longer-run things; for the immediate purpose, I think the most feasible and effective thing is another (or even two) case study of local situation, along the approach of the three which were published in our voting report: of those, the Vines piece on Ouachita parish is the best model, though it, of course, could be improved. Are you interested?

On page 13 of our report, there is a list of "no-vote" counties. What we would be thrilled to have is something on a Mississippi county. This is virtually unknown territory; not even the Commission was able to get into there.

If Mississippi causes you to shudder "no thanks" (as it well might), Alabama seems to us the next most interesting state. But I am confident that with your conversational skills and diligence after facts, you could go into a Mississippi locale and come out with a great story.

If you can do it, I think (on this one) it would be best for you to come here for a day or two of file reading and discussion, and then proceed. There is not much we could do to set up contacts, though we would do the little we could.

Fifth, I have had for some time an ill-formed idea about a portrait of Richmond County, Ga. Harold is sympathetic, but has posed some practical questions that I haven't yet thought up answers for. This letter has got too long already, and I won't go into more, especially as my own thoughts are so tentative. But is (I hope, when) you come through on your way to Mississippi, or on your way back from Little Rock, we can bat it around.

Give my best to Ginny.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Enclosures

September 18, 1959

Miss Louise Young
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relatinns
2001 Division Street
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Miss Young:

I am looking forward to participation in your conference September 29th and 30th. I will be in Knoxville on Monday, September 28th and will come on to Nashville in the early morning of the 29th. I will plan to stay in Nashville through Wednesday and Thursday - leaving Thursday evening - so that we may have plenty of opportunity to discuss the work and program of the Tennessee Council.

I am writing Mr. Ferris that I will be on hand.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/mf

September 18, 1959

Miss Pam Coe
3580 Watauga Street
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Miss Coe:

It is always good to hear from people who are interested in a professional career in the field of human relations. There are all too few recruits with proper training and orientation.

I will be most happy to discuss the situation with you at the Nashville meeting of the Fellowship of the Concerned. I think it would be probably more fruitful for us to talk together than for me to attempt to answer your questions in a letter.

I'm looking forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/mf

September 18, 1959

Mr. Harry Jones
Executive Director
North Carolina Council on Human
Relations
121 East Third Street, Rm. 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

I have recently been in touch with Bill Bagwell with the Friends High Point office, concerning the Bermsville situation which you mentioned to me recently. I gather that Bill has been the person most directly involved and that he will be leaving North Carolina momentarily for some weeks in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Burnsville

Will Hartzler indicated this week in Atlanta that some 39 children were out of school; that nine were high school students and the remainder were elementary. He indicated that assistance was needed to send the high school students elsewhere and to provide a tutor for the elementary students. Hartzler was asked to firm-up the need specifically, so that an interagency appeal could be prepared.

I hope that you are in general touch with the situation and that you will keep us informed of any thoughts that you might have concerning future action.

It was a real pleasure to visit you in Charlotte recently and to meet your family. I hope to find an excuse to come back before too long.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/mf

September 18, 1959

Mr. Robert Hughes
Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 1218, Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Bob:

The news about the action of the annual conference was impressing. We certainly had not expected very good news here, but the absolute victory of the Layman's Union is certainly disastrous at this time and place.

I will be in Tennessee during the period before your Board meeting. I will plan to come from Nashville to Birmingham Thursday night so that we may talk together on Friday and drive on to Montgomery for the Saturday meeting.

Please let me know about your contact in Mississippi. As you probably know, Gene Cox of the National Council of Churches, has been spending approximately one-week-a-month in Mississippi attempting to locate and contact friendly forces. Gene Cox should at least talk to the man. We learned at the recent interagency meeting that the American Friends Service Committee is contemplating a staffed program aimed at the hard-core areas of Mississippi and Louisiana. They have not yet made a staff appointment and this person might be just the man for them.

I definitely feel that we should be attempting to make some contribution to that area, but any further move from this office will wait for further developments from the AFSC.

I hope you enjoy your brief vacation. I'm looking forward to seeing you again soon.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/mf

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

MEMORANDUM September 18, 1959

To: John Hope, II
C. H. Parrish
Benjamin Muse

From: Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

Re: **TRAVEL CARDS**

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Enclosed is the newly issued airline travel card. This card is now in effect and may be used immediately. However, be sure to destroy your old card since that, too, can be used until November 15.

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air mail special September 18, 1959

Mr. John Hope, II
Race Relations Department
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear John:

Here's a draft of a prpposed recommendation to the Personnel Committee. Although I have left the guaranteed figure at $2,000, you will see that I am proposing that the remuneration be increased to $40 per day, and that the $2,000 be paid on a monthly pro-rated basis. Taken all together, it seems to me that these provisions are at least as attractive as our present arrangement, or more so.

Since you were here, the Personnel Committee meeting has been set for next Friday -- September 25. This gives us very little time, so I hope you will be able to give the enclosed proposal early attention. After scrutinizing and considering it, if you feel the urge to eall me, by all means do. In any case, I'll hope to hear from you before Friday.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

via air mail   September 21, 1959

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Glencoe, Argyll
Scotland

Dear George:

As you know, annual meeting time will soon be upon us. As before, members will all be asking, "What's the news of the Mitchells?"

Could you find time to jot down those things that will be of greatest interest to your many friends? I will be as interested as anybody. For example, I heard sometime ago that you had agreed to do a book for Knopf; what sort of book, and does it go forward? How far have you gotten into the stack of groaning, unread books? Of course, word of further progress on the house is always in order.

If you could do us a modest screed of this kind, we would present it to the annual meeting and also share it with your many other friends who inquire periodically.

Speaking of houses, Jane and I have sunk all of our worldly goods and most of our energy in recent months into a bigger, older house in Ansley Park. Paul Rilling has not only assumed Fred's old duties -- most efficiently, too -- but also his lakeside dwelling in Clayton County. Fred gets inaugurated as NAIRO president at the October convention in San Juan; none of us will be there to cheer him, however, as Puerto Rico seems too remote physically and programmatically to warrant the travel expense.

As your mail will have indicated, we have spent the summer grinding out reports by the gross. Good ones, we think, well publicized and well used. Benjamin Muse is poking around for us in Southern power structures and finding a promising amount of receptivity. (This is the project financed by the Rockefeller Brothers Fund.)

I'm about ready to break out my tin cup and start on the Fall campaign to raise the balance of next year's budget. It's at times like this that I envy you most.

The very best to you and Alice and the girls from all of us.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 21, 1959

Mr. John V. P. Lassoe, Jr.
National Association of Intergroup
  Relations Officials
426 West 58th Street
New York 19, New York

Dear John:

Thank you for your letter of September 18, requesting the professional staff's names and addresses of the state groups. The professional staff is checked on the enclosed sheet.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

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Enclosure

M. F.

September 21, 1959

Dr. A. Dudley Ward, General Secretary
Board of Social and Economic Relations
The Methodist Church
740 Rush Street
Chicago 11, Illinois

Dear Dr. Ward:

You may remember my conversation with you at Lake Junaluska when I asked you to let me have three hundred copies of The Message which was given at Dallas and also I asked you for a copy of the little dramatic skit given at the close, that I might use it for a meeting November 5 and 6. I would like to have the copies of The Message as soon as possible. Please send the bill for all of this.

The Dallas meeting was a great great experience and it did so much to spur us on in our efforts to make our nation be what it started out to be. The Methodists are certainly indebted to you for all that detail work and the magnificent program you had for us.

With best wishes to you and Mrs. Ward.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

September 22, 1959

Dr. Celestine L. Smith
Consultant in Human Relations
National Student Y.W.C.A.
600 Lexington Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Dr. Smith:

Many thanks for your kind letter and remittance.

I enjoyed the Lake Forest meeting and congratulate you on a fine job of constructive self-examination.

Any time SRC can be of any service to you and your associates, you have only to call on us.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 22, 1959

Mr. Westley W. Law
2009 Florence Street
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Mr. Law:

In reply to your letter of September 18, I am sending you separately copies of the recent publications requested. I am glad to send them with our compliments.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 22, 1959

Professor Warren Breed
Department of Sociology and Anthropology
Newcomb College
Tulane University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Professor Breed:

We are mailing you the requested copy of If the Schools Are Closed... We are temporarily out of copies of the Background Report on School Desegregation for 1959-60, and will send you a copy in a few days. We are including some of our L-reports which concern schools.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

Mailed separately:
If the Schools Are Closed
L5, L6, L7, L8, L10

September 22, 1959

Mr. Bill Love
Westminister Fellowship
Florida State University
1710 Belle Vue Way
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Mr. Love:

In reply to your request for literature and information on the racial problem, we are mailing you today (separately) several pamphlets and one of our special reports. Included are several "L reports".

If you have not already read it, you might wish to read The Racial Problem in Christian Perspective by Kyle Haselden.

Best wishes for your study group.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright

Mailed separately:
New South, September 1959
Race and Conscience in America
If the Schools Are Closed...
The Negro and the Ballot in the South
Waiting Room Practices in 21 Southern Cities
Report L-1, L-6, L-6, L-8
News release on Intimidation, Reprisal & Violence

September 22, 1959

Professor Harry E. Moore
The Southwestern Social Science Quarterly
University of Texas
Austin 12, Texas

Dear Professor Moore:

At the request of Professor D. R. Green, we are mailing you a copy of If the Schools Are Closed...

Dr. Green mentioned that you would be using this as resource material in teaching a course on Race Relations. Perhaps you would be interested in some of our other recent publications: The Negro and the Ballot in the South, by Margaret Price; Intimidation, Reprisal and Violence; and our Special Reports (mimeographed) on housing, waiting room practices in 21 southern cities, and a background report on school desegregation for 1959-60.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

Enclosed: If the Schools Are Closed

September 22, 1959

Mr. John R. Larkins
State Board of Public Welfare
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Larkins:

In compliance with your request of recent date, I am enclosing a list of our cooperating organizations. You will note that the names of both the executive directors and state chairmen are listed and can be reached in care of the respective State Councils.

Mr. Fleming was quite pleased to hear from you and will be writing you shortly.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mildred Flowers
Secretary to the Director

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encl. - 1.

September 22, 1959

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Top Knot
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

A room has been reserved for you at the Piedmont on the night of October 4th. Both Harold and I will be in touch with you around 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Dabbs will also be staying at the Piedmont. He and Miss Wilkins are getting together for a meeting of the Personnel Committee at 7:00 p.m., but it is likely that he, too, will be around later in the evening.

Looking forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

September 22, 1959

Mr. James M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

A reservation has been made for you at the Piedmont on the night of October 4. Mr. Wright, incidentally, will also be there that evening. You should have no trouble finding the Piedmont; it is in the heart of downtown bordering on Peachtree and Luckie streets. If you fly this is the first stop of the airport bus. If you drive, you will no doubt enter the city on Highways 29 or 78. Both of these become Ponce de Leon, which in turn leads you directly to Peachtree Street. If, when you reach Peachtree, you will turn left this will bring you directly to town and to the Piedmont which will be on your right as you come into town.

Miss Wilkins has suggested that possibly a dinner meeting will be the most pleasant and convenient way in which to hold the meeting. She, therefore, would like for you to plan to have dinner with her at the Biltmore Hotel at 7:00 p.m. if this is agreeable with you. The Biltmore is some distance from the Piedmont, so I would suggest that you take a taxi out rather than bothering with your car.

I have discussed with Harold your comments concerning Colonel Miller. He is of the opinion that the idea is a sound one and sees no reason why the Colonel shouldn't be invited.

Will plan to go over the final arrangements on the Williamsburg meeting with you on the 4th or 5th.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

September 22, 1959

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Executive Director
Penn Community Services, Inc.
St. Helena Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

It is good to have this excuse to renew contact with you. I hope that we can confer together fairly soon in person about South Carolina and ways in which our operation could be of greater service.

During a recent interagency meeting here in Atlanta, Mrs. Spearman brought up some very challenging ideas calling for a major project in the field of adult education and citizenship which would be aimed primarily at indigenous Negro leadership in world, neglected areas of such deep South states as South Carolina. We have been searching here for effective approaches to this aspect of the Southern scene and feel that Alice's ideas have real possibilities.

The plan would call for an approach to a foundation for a rather considerable sum to staff and finance some such effort. The ideas were obviously drawn from the experience of conferences held during the past year at the Penn Center and also from work done out of Highlander Folk School on some of the off-coast islands. In order to get the effort underway, I would suggest as a first step that you and Mrs. Spearman confer, drawing on this experience, and prepare a sort of first draft of such a program; spelling out the type of educational activities that might be feasible, the kind of staff person or persons that would be required, the areas in which such activities could be carried on, etc. The whole thing needs to be boiled down and made concrete. If you feel this type of procedure useful, after you and Alice have done the first spadework perhaps the two of you could come to Atlanta and meet with some of us on the SRC staff to further refine the approach, consider foundation strategy, etc.

If such an idea is at all practical, some agency would have to serve as the administering agency and make the foundation approach, etc. It is possible that some agency like the Penn Center would be best suited to this kind of effort.

At any rate, let me know your thinking and let's see if we can get something moving in this direction.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/mf

September 22, 1959

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Rm. 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

I have given considerable thought to the ideas we discussed during your recent visit here, and have shared them with other members of the staff.

I think that the idea of convening a consultation of intergroup relations workers from the hard-core states to consider what particular approaches might be developed in these hard-core world areas of Mississippi, South Carolina, Alabama, etc. has considerable merit. I discussed the matter with Jean Fairfax of the American Friends Service Committee and learned that the AFSC is considering placing a man in their Baton Rouge office to work specifically in the rural Black-belt areas of Mississippi and North Louisiana. The AFSC has also been considering the idea of such a hard-core meeting at the time that such a person would be employed. I would, therefore, suggest that we join forces with the Friends and defer this kind of consultation until their plans are more developed, which should be fairly soon.

After much reflection, I continue to be quite excited about the idea you put forward of attempting to solicit funds from a foundation for a special program in the field of adult citizenship education in the rural areas of the deep Southern resisting states. The contacting and developing of indigenous Negro leadership in these areas is a critical need and one that has been too much overlooked so far.

As the first step in such a process, I would suggest that you and Courtney Siceloff get together and prepare a first draft of such a proposal drawing on the experience of Penn Center and other adult education projects that you mentioned to me. After you and Courtney have carried through some preliminary thinking and drafting, the two of you could come to Atlanta and meet with some of us to further refine the proposal, think in terms of the strategy of a foundation approach, etc. Harold agrees with me that the idea has very real possibilities and feels that there might be receptivity on the part of a foundation.

It was good to see you and to have the chance to talk with you. I hope that we can get together in South Carolina sometime soon.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/mf

September 22, 1959

Miss Jean Russell
824 Tusculm Boulevard
Greenville, Tennessee

Dear Jean:

It is going to be some time before we can firm up any specific proposal dealing with efforts to alleviate the educational crisis in Prince Edward County insofar as the Negro students are concerned. Local leadership is somewhat vague and indefinite as to what they feel is desired and there seems to be some real division of policy between local leadership and the State NAACP. Further consultation on the matter, however, strengthens our conviction that it would pay off disproportionately if, say, $300 could be made available to the Prince Edward County Christian Association. This would provide working funds for the only agency attempting to hold together the Negro community and strengthen the morale of the people involved. We are prepared to provide half of the needed funds; or $150 if we can find some other source for the remaining portion.

I think it would be particularly appropriate if a religious organization could become interested since the PECCA is religiously oriented. Any ideas, suggestions, or money that you may know of would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/mf

September 23, 1959

Mr. Carl Braden
Southern Conference Educational Fund
4403 Virginia Avenue
Louisville 11, Kentucky

Dear Carl Braden:

Thank you for the marked copies of The Southern Patriot.

The arrangement, I believe, was that our monthly publication New South would be sent in exchange for the Patriot. Although we have no regular mailing list for all other SRC publications, we shall try to see that you receive them henceforth.

I am glad to learn that you frequently find our reports written up in reactionary Southern newspapers, since their audience is the one we need most to reach. I'm afraid, however, they don't get the material directly from us, since we send our releases only to a few non-reactionary newspapers and the wire services. The AP and UPI must get the credit, I suppose.

If there should be any hitch in our material reaching you from now on, let me know.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P. S. You might want to correct your mailing list, which by a typographical error addresses the Patriot to "Rev. South" at this address, instead of "New South."

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copies with LWD
returned

September 23, 1959

Mr. John R. Larkins
Consultant
State Board of Public Welfare
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Larkins:

It is good to hear from you after so long a time, and particularly good to learn of your forthcoming publication Patterns of Leadership Among Negroes (North Carolina). We will be looking forward to reading it.

A list of chairmen and executives of the state councils was mailed to you yesterday. Let us know if we can be of further service.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Green & original copies ret. to HCF.

September 23, 1959

Mr. Walter P. Reuther, President
International Union, UAW
Solidarity House
8000 East Jefferson Avenue
Detroit 14, Michigan

Dear Mr. Reuther:

Thank you for your letter of September 16 inviting me to attend the 17th Constitutional Convention of the UAW as a guest observer.

I am committed to a meeting in New York City through Noon of Saturday, October 10. However, I shall plan to go directly to Atlantic City on Saturday afternoon in order to be there at least for that evening and Sunday. I shall appreciate it if your staff will make a single reservation for me at the Ambassador for Saturday night.

I am looking forward with pleasure to this important occasion and very much hope that I may have an opportunity to meet you at that time.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 23, 1959

Dr. W. J. Trent, Jr.
Secretary
Robert R. Moton Memorial Foundation
Gloucester, Virginia

Dear Bill:

Just a note to say that, much to my regret, I won't be able to attend the October 9 meeting of the Robert R. Moton Memorial Foundation. Ironically, I am committed to a meeting in New York in that date.

You and the other directors have my best wishes for a successful meeting, and my assurance of deep and continued interest in the development of Holly Knoll.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 23, 1959

Mr. Edwin J. Lukas
The American Jewish Committee
Institute of Human Relations
165 East 56 Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Ed:

Thanks for remembering about Pincus and saving me from the embarrassment of trying to reach him at the Ford Foundation later on. I'll appreciate any intelligence you get from behind that currency curtain.

It now appears that I will be in New York the latter part of the week beginning, October 5. I hope I will have a chance to see you and inspect your luxurious new headquarters then. Meanwhile, my best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 23, 1959

Miss Louise Young
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2001 Division Street
Nashville 4, Tennessee

Dear Miss Young:

Thanks for your letter suggesting Dr. Stephen J. Wright for nomination to the Council.

I am glad to be able to report to you and Mr. Sharp that Dr. Wright was elected to membership last year. Only the other day, however, we discovered that through some clerical error his name was left off the last mimeographed list. Sorry to have misled you. We are grateful as always for your interest and help.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 23, 1959

Dr. Luther H. Foster
President
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee, Alabama

Dear Dr. Foster:

Thanks for your prompt response to my notice of the Annual Meeting of the Council.

I very much hope you will find it possible to come and am grateful for your willingness to try to work it out.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 23, 1959

Reverend Charles M. Jones
Community Church
Purefoy and Mason Farm Roads
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Charles:

Thanks for your recent letter and the opportunity to get some of our material before the Charleston, W. Virginia group. A mailing went forward to the Rev. Glenn Stewart several days ago.

I also appreciate your hospitable invitation. My own travel has been sadly limited, but I hope to make it to Chapel Hill one of these days. Sooner or later, you will probably be hearing, too, from our new Field Director, Paul Rilling, who was most recently director of the Virginia Council on Human Relations.

The very best to you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 23, 1959

Mr. Francis M. Wilhoit
Department of Government
University of Miami
Coral Gables 46, Florida

Dear Mr. Wilhoit:

You should have received by now a copy of our latest voter registration report. I have also asked that you be placed on our mailing list to receive future publications.

It is good to hear from you again after so long a time. I hope your dissertation in published form will enjoy the respect and attention it deserves.

Whenever you are in Atlanta, be sure to pay us a call.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Separate mailing:

Cong. Record Reprint on SRC
Journal and Guide Reprint on SRC
Voting Survey
Private School Pamphlet
September New South

September 23, 1959

Mr. Isaac Oksenberg
Box 510, Route 7
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Mr. Oksenberg:

Dr. John A. Griffin, a member of our Executive Committee, recently asked that we send you a selection of the Southern Regional Council's materials. I am glad to have this request from Dr. Griffin and am sending you separately several publications which you may find of interest.

If at any time we can be of service to you, please feel free to call on me.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
cc: Dr. John A. Griffin

Same ltr. to:
Dr. Sam. Proctor
Mr. J. F. Tillman
Bishop Joseph Brunini

September 23, 1959

Dr. Benjamin Mays
President
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mays:

I am very sorry to learn that you won't be able to be with us at the forthcoming Annual Meeting of the Council. It is good to know, however, that we can continue to count on your interest and support, as we have in the past.

We feel it has been a useful and productive year for the Council, and we will try to convey some sense of the current direction of program efforts in the annual report which will reach you early in 1960. Meanwhile, please know that your suggestions and comments on the work of the Council will always be greatly valued by the staff.

With warm greetings and regards, I am

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

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via air mail September 23, 1959

Mr. Warren H. Pierce
Chief Editorial Writer
St. Petersburg Times
St. Petersburg, Florida

Dear Mr. Pierce:

I am sorry our table on Negro registration misled you.

The last column shows Negro registration as a percentage of total registration -- not as a percentage of Negro population. In other words, though Negroes make up 10.6 per cent of the Pinellas County population, they comprise only 3.3 per cent of the county's voter registration. If the Negro performance were equal to white, of course, the two figures would be the same.

Admittedly the brief heading is too easily misunderstood. However, this was the clearest designation we could devise for the limited space. As you will see, the heading "Registration: %Negro" parallels that of the adjoining column, "Population: % Negro." Since reliable figures on voting-age population are virtually impossible to obtain between censuses, we thought this comparison would be the most meaningful one.

The fact that you misinterpreted the heading is evidence enough that we should have made the meaning clearer. Thanks for writing.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 23, 1959

Mrs. Jane Hammer
3483 Ridgewood Road, N. W.
Atlanta 5, Georgia

Dear Jane:

You've done a magnificent job on the TV series, and the Carmichael program was the best of all. The enclosed is modest indeed for directing so able a performance.

I didn't mean to leave you with the impression that this would definitely be the last -- only that we can't finance any more for the time being. We may well be in position to do more later on. Meanwhile, I hope these pilot examples of what can be done with local TV will inspire others over the South to go and do likewise. To this end, I've asked John Constable to prepare a New South article on the three programs; he'll probably be calling you.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1. (Check; $56.95

September 24, 1959

Mr. Charles H. Slayman, Jr.
Chief Counsel and Staff Director
Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights
of Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Slayman:

We are pleased to send you the pamphlets you requested. There is no charge.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Mailed separately:
6 - The Negro Voter in the South
2 - Three Views of the Segregation Decisions
2 - What the Supreme Court Said
2 - Changing Patterns in the New South
1 - Safety, Security, and the South

September 24, 1959

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

I trust that by now you have received "The Little Rock Report". We are, incidentally, preparing an L-Report based on it which should be out in a week or two.

I too was glad to see you last week; sorry we had no more time than we did to talk. I am not sure what help I could be to you, but I would be glad to come to Columbia whenever you think I could be of usefulness on a project.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

September 24, 1959

The Commission on Civil Rights
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

We would like very much to receive another copy of The Report of the United States Commission on Civil Rights, 1959.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

September 24, 1959

Mr. J. Ray Shute
Chairman, Education Committee
Unitarian Fellowship for Social Justice
P. O. Box 24
Monroe, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Shute:

We are pleased to send you the sixty-five copies of The Negro and the Ballot you requested. Your offer to mail them to your chapters throughout the country and to bring the work of the Council to their attention is appreciated. We, too, hope that some (or all) of them will wish to join the state Human Relations Councils and support the work of the Council.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Mailed separately:
65 - **The Negro and the Ballot**

September 24, 1959

Mr. Benjamin Muse
Manassas, Virginia

Dear Ben:

Copies of the AP stories on L-9 which you have already seen also appeared in the Louisville, Kentucky Times, the Mobile Register, the Dallas Times and Herald and the Providence, Rhode Island Journal.

I have requested that tapes of our L-Report list be run off and as soon as I receive them from our mailing department I will send them along.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

September 24, 1959

Mr. Galen Martin
Unitarian Service Committee, Inc.
Box 887
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Galen:

We are mailing you, under separate cover, the six copies of the Hansen transcript you requested. I am planning an article for a future NEW SOUTH on this project by the Georgia Council and will let you know how things develop.

I appreciated credit for the material you have used recently in the bulletin.

Call on us any time we can help.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec

September 24, 1959

Professor William I. Matthews
Department of Political Science
College of Liberal Arts
Drake University
Des Moines 11, Iowa

Dear Professor Matthews:

We are pleased to send you the requested copy of our pamphlet, The Negro and the Ballot in the South.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Mailed separately:
The Negro and the Ballot

September 24, 1959

Professor Franklin L. Burdette
Director
Bureau of Governmental Research
College of Business and Public Administration
University of Maryland
College Park, Maryland

Dear Professor Burdette:

We are pleased to send you the requested copy of The Negro and the Ballot in the South, for your research library.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Mailed separately:
The Negro and the Ballot

September 24, 1959

Mr. Benjamin Muse
Manassas,
Virginia

Dear Ben:

Here is a copy of your report and a covering memorandum which I am sending to the Executive Committee as background for the October 5 meeting.

I trust I haven't given you the impression that I am in any way dissatisfied with the report. On the contrary, it combines eloquence, brevity, and effectiveness -- as we have learned to expect of everything you write. I am only anxious that our Board members and foundation supporters not underestimate the exciting potential of the project as indicated by your achievements to date.

It was good to have you with us the other day, with ample opportunity for discussion. I am putting our agreed-upon recommendations before the Personnel Committee tomorrow.

John Popham called me last night and reported that you two had got together. It sounds as though he and Martin Ochs were helpful in putting you in touch with a few key people in Chattanooga. I hope the Knoxville visit will be equally successful.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Encl. - 1.

September 24, 1959

Mr. H. V. Cooper
Superintendent of Schools
Vicksburg, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Cooper:

Thank you for sending us a copy of Slim Suttles Washington newsletter; we have not seen this publication before.

You asked about the sources of our finances. We described these in the first of our L-reports. In the event that you did not receive it, or may have overlooked it, I am enclosing another copy.

As the report indicates, we do have a point of view, and we make no secret of it. In all of our reports, however, we try to present fully and fairly the facts on which our opinions are based. We send these reports to Southerners who, we believe, may find them of interest, whether or not they share our views. Your comments and your criticisms regarding them will always be welcome here.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Enc: L-1

September 24, 1959

Mr. George D. McClain
964 Yale Station
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. McClain:

We do have some suggestions of materials which we believe will be helpful to you in your study of the trends and influences in the area of race relations, both as a whole and within the Methodist Church, for your historical analysis of Negro segregation in the Methodist Church.

As a background for beginning your study, W. D. Weatherford's American Churches and the Negro (Christopher Publishing House, Boston, Mass.) has a chapter on the Methodist Church, from slavery to 1957, and some general opinions and conclusions on segregation in the church by the author.

The only denominational study we know of is that of the Congregational Christian Churches: Fellowship for Whom?, a report by the Race Relations Department, Division of Higher Education and the American Missionary Association, in cooperation with the Council for Social Action and the Research Office. You can obtain a copy from the Race Relations Department, Congregational Christian Churches, Fisk University, Nashville 8, Tenn. Another of their publications you may wish to get is Human Relations and the Moral Challenge, a condensation of presentations at the 15th annual Institute of Race Relations, 1958.

The Journal of Social Issues, Vol. XII, No. 3, 1956 is concerned with "Religious Conflict in the United States."

Kyle Haselden's The Racial Problem in Christian Perspective is a recent book, and one of the best we have read on the issues of prejudice, discrimination, segregation, and the Christian conscience.

In The Southern Temper, by William Peters, chapter two tells of the quiet but effective influence of southern churchwomen; you might wish to include this in your study.

On July 5, 6, 7 and 8 the New York Times ran a series of articles on "Churches of the South Facing Dilemma on Segregation" by John Wicklein.

We have been privileged to read chapter VIII, "The Puritan Ethos and the Status Quo", of a doctoral dissertation, "The Politics of Desegregation in Georgia" by Francis M. Wilhoit, while at Harvard. He is now at the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida. It is our understanding that this dissertation is to be published as a book. You may wish to correspond with Mr. Wilhoit regarding his research.

Probably you have already contacted the Rev. A. Dudley Ward, Executive Secretary of The Board of Social and Economic Relations, The Methodist Church, 740 Rush Street, Chicago 11, Illinois. He would be able to give you much help and material on the attitudes, policies and pronouncements within the Methodist Church.

In July 1957 we issued a Special Report on the statements of the various religious bodies after the Supreme Court decision. In the December issues of New South (1958) later statements were given. We are mailing you copies of these, and also a copy of Race and Conscience in America, as prepared for the American Friends Service Committee.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

Mailed separately:
- Special Report: Religious Bodies and the Supreme Court Decision
- Race and Conscience in America
- New South, December 1958
- "Out of Conviction", ministers statement

September 24, 1959

Mr. Benjamin Muse
Manassas,
Virginia

Dear Ben:

I have just talked with Betty Harris at HOPE.

She feels that the Lightsey pamplet will be useful with their leaders and potential leaders here in Atlanta and elsewhere in the State. For the time being at any rate, she feels that 100 copies would be enough, with the understanding that more copies will probably be available later if needed.

Betty also informed me that the HOPE committee has decided to go ahead with plans for Boyd Ridgeway and Everett Tucker. They intend to stage an open, or public, meeting of the HOPE executive committee sometime during the first week of November, with the Little Rockians as guest speakers. They also hope to arrange some private conferences with appropriate Atlanta business and political leaders.

They are proceeding on the assumption that we will bear the cost of this "consultation." So I should think you might feel free to communicate with Ridgeway about it, if you wish to.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Enclosures: 3 copies of the Muse Report for five months
on the Leadership Project.

September 24, 1959

Dr. Harry Meserve
Rockefeller Brothers Fund
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 17, New York

Dear Harry:

Enclosed are three copies of a brief report on the Southern Leadership Project which Benjamin Muse prepared for our Executive Committee. We have more copies, if you should need them.

I think Ben's report is a good one, though it is too summary to give many concrete details. I am eager for you to get the flavor of the project from some of Muse's field reports, letters, responses to the "L Reports," and so on. I will work out some way of sharing this material with you soon. In any case, we feel that the project is really paying off and is steadily gaining in effectiveness. Muse is doing an even better job than we had hoped.

I expect to be in New York about October 7th or 8th and will, as usual, call you in the hope that we can get together.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 3.

via air mail September 24, 1959

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
New World Foundation
120 South La Salle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Vernon:

Your letter is particularly welcome, since I'm planning a trip to New York and have been wondering what your oscillating schedule is like. I expect to arrive in the big city October 7 or 8 and will be there for a Manpower Council conference the 9th and 10th. Any chance of our getting together? And, apart from this particular trip, can you give me a telephone number to use in New York until the office is moved?

Sorry always to put you to the necessity of reading between the lines, but you do it so well. I should think one of the big, conservative foundations might well be sold on the Springfield College proposal.

It's been a good summer for us, in terms of program, and I hope it has been for you -- despite the headaches of moving. I'm looking forward to our next get-together.

Best,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 25, 1959

Mrs. Frances M. O'Dell
Serials Librarian
Tennessee State Library and Archives
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. O'Dell:

Our subscription clerk mailed the 1959 issues of NEW SOUTH to the library at the time of your request. She says that she did not include your name on the package so perhaps that is the reason they were not received by your department.

We are mailing you another package with the back issues plus other years of which we have all issues.

By this time, you should have received the September issue of NEW SOUTH. If it has not come to your attention, please let me know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

September 25, 1959

Mr. Benjamin Muse
Manassas, Virginia

Dear Ben:

Enclosed we are sending you tapes on the L-list distribution.

Also enclosed is a run down of categories for distribution. You will notice that it is broken down into more categories than we had mentioned earlier. This is to enable us to mail other items without setting up a separate stencil list.

Also included are two supplementary lists - one of additional names and changes of addresses which are now at the addressograph company for new stencils, the other is a supplementary list including names not yet sent to the addressograph company and the names of people we keep on cards.

I am sorry to have to send you this list in such a manner but as yet we have not been able to get a complete alphabetical listing by categories since the additions and deletions have been rather numerous. However, I hope this will meet your needs. If not, let me know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Enclosures

September 25, 1959

Mrs. June Barnes
Turnbull Estate Planning Associates
Life Insurance Building
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Barnes:

We are mailing you today the requested 18 copies of If the Schools Are Closed...; thank you for the check in payment.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

Mailed separately:
18 - If the Schools Are Closed

September 25, 1959

Mr. Paul Haynes Bowman
Timberville
Virginia

Dear Mr. Bowman:

We are pleased to mail you today a copy of If the Schools Are Closed... There is no charge; one copy is free upon request; additional copies are .25 each.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

Enclosed:
If the Schools Are Closed...

September 25, 1959

Mr. J. Irving E. Scott
Director of Education in Negro Schools
The Board of Public Instruction
of Duval County
P. O. Box 4756
Jacksonville 2, Florida

Dear Mr. Scott:

We are pleased to mail you today the requested 100 copies of Report L-8, "Race and Intelligence".

On the chance that you may not have seen them, we are taking the liberty of enclosing Reports L-6 and L-10.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

Enc: L-6, L-10
Mailed separately:
100 copies L-8

September 25, 1959

Mr. George McMillan
Box 299
Aiken, S. C.

Dear George:

I have been down since Sunday with the flu or something, and that is why your letter has lain unanswered. Also why you haven't my comments on your last chapter, which I read several days ago but have not been up to preparing a letter on; will do this week-end.

Have thought a good bit about your letter, which was read to me over the telephone. One of the practical advantages (I know there aren't many) of your independence is that you neither have to adjust to Policy, nor concede the monster's right to be. So I won't display its pretensions, only its conclusion. Our fee is, as you suspect, $300, plus transportation, plus a $15.00 per diem while away from Aiken; any needful expenses over and above keeping your body together could be separately reimbursed. We would not expect you to do any preliminary planning prior to coming to Atlanta, where we would provide for you sufficient (I hope) background reading. If for any reason you are prevented by circumstances beyond your control from completing the assignment, we would pay a fair and mutually satisfactory fee plus expenses to that point; frankly, however, I can't see what would stop you: in the extreme, if you found an iron curtain and were chased out of the state, that would be a story worth writing.

No point writing more unless you can see your way clear to undertaking it.

Any hope?

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
dictated over telephone;
not read or signed.

Put on Complimentary New South
Sent Separately:
Voting Study
Private School Pamphlet
Background Report
"L" Reports

September 25, 1959

Miss Ellen Mitchell
Graduate Women's Hall
420 Temple Street
New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Ellen:

It is good to hear from you and to find that you have a surviving interest in the Southern Regional Council.

SRC does have associate members outside the South. But, if I may, I'd like to add you to the complimentary list for New South -- and you may regard yourself as a complimentary member also! We're sending you separately a few of our more recent publications.

We hear from your mother and father occasionally, though not often enough to satisfy all of their inquiring friends. The whole Mitchell clan is much missed here.

All good wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 25, 1959

Mr. Mike Edwards
Atlanta Journal
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Edwards:

A friend of ours sent us a copy of your article on the Council as distributed by the Herald Tribune Service and carried in the Dallas Morning News.

This is a word of appreciation for a skillful and interesting piece. (I'm sure I would have found it interesting even if I weren't connected with SRC.)

Call on us any time we can be of help to you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 25, 1959

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
Executive Director
New World Foundation
120 South La Salle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Mr. Eagle:

In Mr. Fleming's absence I am responding to your letter of yesterday.

Your request for "If the Schools are Closed" and our special background report is appreciated. However, I must report that our supply of the latter is thoroughly exhausted. We are making a special effort, in the next day or so, to do a second running of the Background Report and, at that time, I shall be happy to send five copies on to you.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mildred Flowers
Secretary to the Director

MF/
P. S. I am sending on to you today the five copies of "If the Schools are Closed."

September 25, 1959

Dr. E. Clinton Gardner
School of Theology
Emory University
Atlanta 22, Georgia

Dear Dr. Gardner:

In Mr. Fleming's absence, I am pleased to send you three copies of "If the Schools are Closed," with our compliments.

If additional copies are needed, please let us know.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mildred Flowers
Secretary to the Director

MF

September 28, 1959

Mr. Dan Bowers
Executive Director
Virginia Council on Human Relations
216-C Broad-Grace Arcade Building
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Dan:

Enclosed is a contribution to the Prince Edward County Christian Association. The donor wishes to remain anonymous in so far as possible. There will be no harm in your indicating a specific purpose on behalf of the donor if you think this would be helpful.

Sincerely,

Paul Rilling
Field Director

PMR/st

Enclosure

September 28, 1959

Mr. Ed Lewis
700 S. W. 11th Avenue
Miami 36, Florida

Dear Ed:

I write, of course, to thank you for your hospitality, transportation, and other help during the past week.

However, since returning I have had an opportunity to think further about the situation down there - and in respect to your offer of time it occurs to me that some very specific things need to be done. These things you could do well, I believe, and I hope you will consider them.

(1) All outstanding obligations should be viewed and a schedule of priorities established in payment from the very limited funds trickling in. For instances, the bill for the offset machine can probably be put off, since in the event of liquidation this could be returned - possibly even with a cash settlement. On the other hand, rent and phone bills should be paid in order to keep those services available - and, such payments will reduce the debts anyway.

(2) Someone should review with Bill the entire operation to determine what expenses can be cut to the bone. One telephone should definitely be discontinued, at least temposarily. Certainly, there are other items which also fit into this category. No action is too drastic at this point to reduce the mounting deficit.

In short, Bill needs a financial-administrative manager who will attempt to reduce the deficit as it now exists on something of an orderly and sound basis - and someone to see to it that such bills as are automatically piling up are cut as much as possible.

Will be writing from time to time, but would appreciate occasional bulletins on your involvements and progress with the Council.

Again, thanks for the hospitality.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA
JAckson 2-8764

HAROLD C. FLEMING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

MEMORANDUM

September 28, 1959

To: All Cooperating Agencies

From: Paul Rilling, Field Director

Re: Emergency Educational Crisis in Yancey County, N.C.

During the recent meeting of the Southern inter-agency group in Atlanta, the American Friends Service Committee reported that the AFSC had been working with local people in Burnsville and Asheville, N.C. in an effort to provide some form of interim education for twenty-eight Negro children in Yancey County (Burnsville) who are now out of public school. It was agreed that a memorandum on the situation would be circulated when the specific needs were determined.

An interim educational effort is now under way for these children and the need for funds to maintain it is immediate and urgent. The facts, as reported by Charles Davis of the High Point office of the AFSC are as follows:

1. the twenty-eight children comprise the entire Negro school population of Yancey County. There are several thousand white school children in the county. Yancey County is just north of Asheville, N.C. in the western, mountain portion of the state.
2. There are no public school facilities for these children in the county. Until last year there was a one-room, one-teacher Negro elementary school. The high school students were sent by bus daily to Asheville, some forty miles away. The elementary school was condemned during the summer of 1958. Since that time all Negro students have been sent by bus to Asheville.
3. When the Negro one-room school was abandoned, the parents of the Negro students were promised an up-to-date modern school within a year. As of this fall, no school

building for Negroes had been built and the school board had given no indication of beginning construction.

4. In June, 1959, the parents of the children requested the school board to permit the transfer of their children to the Yancey County (white) public schools. They made their requests under provisions of the North Carolina School Assignment Law and the Pearsall Plan. The board turned down the request. After a hearing and reconsideration, asked by the parents, the school board again refused the request for transfer of the children.

5. The parents decided not to allow their children to be sent to Asheville schools this year. The children have been without schooling this fall. Local public schools opened on August 25. Legal action is expected to resolve the situation by next fall.

6. A group of white and Negro residents in Burnsville and Asheville have organized the Burnsville Educational Project. This group has initiated an educational program and is seeking funds to ensure its continuation throughout the current school year if necessary.

7. The elementary pupils are being taught by a former Asheville teacher who has moved to Burnsville for this purpose. Classes are being held in a local church.

The seven high school students are attending Allen High School, a private, Methodist institution for girls at Asheville, (even though four of the students are boys.) They will board in Asheville rather than making the eighty mile roundtrip each day.

8. The effort will require over $5,000 to continue throughout the year. The committee has set a goal of $6,560. This includes $4,760 for tuition for the high school students, $1,800 salary for the elementary school teacher in Burnsville. Additional costs will include room and board for the elementary teacher, books for the elementary classes, fuel for the church rooms, etc.

9. Assistance to the project should go to Burnsville Educational Project, c/o Lola B. McCracken, 13½ Eagle Street, Asheville, N.C. The agency person closest to the situation is Charles E. Davis of the School Desegregation Program, Southeastern Office of AFSC, 1818 S. Main Street, High Point, N.C.

September 28, 1959

Mrs. Douglas Franklin Riddle
707 A West 21st Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Mrs. Riddle:

We are enclosing a copy of our pamphlet, If the Schools Are Closed, by Professors Green and Gauerke, as requested by Dr. Green.

One copy is available without charge upon request; additional copies are .25 each.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

September 28, 1959

Mr. Carl D. Wheeler
Rt. 3, Box 255
Vernon View
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

At the request of Dr. D. R. Green, we are mailing you a copy of If the Schools Are Closed... One copy is free upon request; additional copies are .25 each.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

September 28, 1959

The Rev. Malcolm P. Calhoun
Board of Christian Education
Presbyterian Church in the U. S.
Presbyterian Building
8 North Sixth Street
Richmond 9, Virginia

Dear Mr. Calhoun:

We are mailing you (separately) a copy of *The Negro and the Ballot in the South*, by Margaret Price. There is no charge for this copy. Additional copies are .40 each.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

Mailed separately:
The Negro and the Ballot

September 28, 1959

Mrs. Edwyna D. Dones
Social Director and Counselor
Hurley Hospital
Flint, Michigan

Dear Mrs. Dones:

We are pleased to mail you today (separately) the requested copy of our "Background Report on School Desegregation for 1959-60".

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

September 28, 1959

Professor George E. Simpson
Department of Sociology and Anthropology
Oberlin College
Oberlin, Ohio

Dear Professor Simpson:

We are mailing you today (separately) the requested copy of our background report on school desegregation for 1959-60. We are also enclosing, with the background report, our latest publication on registration and voting, The Negro and the Ballot in the South.

Your name will be placed on our mailing list to receive all research publications.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

September 28, 1959

Professor Julius Paul
Department of Political Science
Wayne State University
Detroit 2, Michigan

Dear Professor Paul:

We are mailing you today (separately) a copy of The Negro and the Ballot in the South, by Margaret Price, our latest publication on registration and voting.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

September 28, 1959

The Rev. S. A. Cousin
Greater Bethel A. M. E. Church
245 N. W. 8th Street
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Cousin:

A brief note to thank you for your considerable help during my visit to Miami. I learned shortly before leaving it was unlikely that an emergency meeting of the Alliance was to be called. However, I trust this will be done and I am grateful for the support to the Florida Council which I know you will give at that time.

And, I urge you to give any other help which may be possible, since Bill does, indeed, need the help of his good friends at this critical time.

Again, my thanks, and all good wishes.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

September 28, 1959

Mrs. Charles Williams
Miss Marie Roberts
1200 N. W. 6th Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Mamie and Marie:

A brief note to thank you for your considerable help and concern extended to the Florida Council.

I am sure that you will do everything possible to help Bill at this critical time. And, needless to say, it is from the help of such good and dedicated persons as yourselves that makes the effort worthwhile.

It was a real pleasure to meet with you and I trust our paths will cross again in the not-too-distant future.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

September 28, 1959

Dr. G. W. Hawkins
1018 N. W. Second Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Dr. Hawkins:

A brief note to thank you for your considerable help and concern during my brief visit to Miami.

I trust that Bill will be in touch with you the first of this week for the follow-up on which we agreed. And, needless to say, Bill is desperately in need of your help at this time.

It was a real pleasure to meet you and I trust our paths will cross again in the not-too-distant future.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

September 28, 1959

Mr. Max Friedson
628 S. W. 9th Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Max:

A brief note to thank you for your considerable help during my visit to Miami.

If our problems in the Florida Council can be worked out, I look forward to taking you up on your offer of further assistance.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

September 28, 1959

The Reverend Edward Graham
301 N. W. 9th Street
Miami, Florida

Dear Ed:

No doubt you are in South Carolina this morning. However, I did want to immediately thank you for your considerable help and concern during my visit to Miami.

I received your message that the Alliance could not hold a meeting immediately, as was expected of course. I do, however, hope that the regular fall meeting will lead to the kind of help we had hoped for.

It was a pleasure meeting you again after so many years and I trust our paths will cross again in the not too distant future.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

September 28, 1959

Rev. Don Swanson
Dade County Council of Churches
Chamber of Commerce Building
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Swanson:

A brief note to thank you for your time and concern extended during my visit on Friday.

I trust that Bill has been, or will be, in touch with you. And, needless to say, we of the Southern Regional Council will be most grateful for any assistance you are able to give to Bill and to the Florida Council.

It was a pleasure meeting you and if at any time in the future we may be of assistance to you, please call on us.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

September 28, 1959

Mr. William K. Williams
Executive Director
213 North East Second Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Williams:

Paul Rilling has asked me to send on to you the names of two Negro ministers who attended summer school at Gammon and requested information about SRC:

Rev. J. E. Harris
F-20 Lincoln Court
Lakeland, Florida

Rev. D. L. Bright
P.O. Box 83
Lawtey, Florida

You will also find enclosed two copies of the Cooperating Organizations for your information.

Sincerely,

Sarah Miller, Secretary

September 28, 1959

Mr. Benjamin Muse
Manassas, Virginia

Dear Ben:

The Associated Press article on L-9 also has appeared in The Savannah, Ga., News; The Troy, Ala., Messenger; and the Montgomery, Ala., Advertiser.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

September 29, 1959

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Executive Director
Penn Community Services, Inc.
St. Helena Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

The Southern Interagency Conference discussed, as planned, the idea of holding a future meeting at Penn. All agreed it would be desirable to do so, and in light of your letter it was decided to plan on having the spring meeting there.

This meeting will be held in April and the group is hopeful that it will be satisfactory with you if definite dates can be set at the winter meeting which will be held during January.

There are usually twenty to twenty-five persons at the meetings, though the inducements of Frogmore in the spring may raise this number somewhat. Normally, we meet from 2:00 p.m. on one day until noon of the next. For this meeting however, it is likely that the group will give serious consideration to holding a longer meeting.

If all of this is satisfactory with you, I will get further information from you before the

January meeting; including any dates which are not acceptable to Penn.

I think the meeting at Penn is going to have a good effect on the interagency effort and am pleased that they have shown the wisdom to follow our advice!

Best to you and the family.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

via air mail September 29, 1959

Rev. Caxton Doggett
The Methodist Church
P. O. Box 825
Winter Park, Florida

Dear Caxton:

The Florida Council is in desperate straits -- to the extent that Bill may well have to close the office within the next several weeks. We are, of course, writing the President and Chairman of FCHR about this, but I felt you would particularly like to know of these things.

I spent most of last week in Miami in an attempt to help and very briefly these are the conditions which I found: Bill's salary is approximately $2,000 in arrears and his family is suffering considerable hardship; other basic bills such as rent and phone are seriously behind and the total deficit of the organization is approximately $5,000.

We are making specific suggestions as to means of alleviating this situation and, hopefully, seeing to it that FCHR survives. However, there is an obvious immediate need for funds which will, in effect, buy a limited amount of time which is badly needed as well as directly help Bill in these circumstances.

I have no firm ideas as to what help, if any, you can give. But I did feel that your long concern with FCHR made it certain that you would be interested and that you will give any help possible.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting in November.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

September 29, 1959

Mr. Benjamin Muse
Manassas
Virginia

Dear Ben:

We have supplied Mrs. Harris with the 100 copies of "Organizing to Save Public Schools." This has nearly exhausted our supply. Could we have another 100?

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

September 29, 1959

Mrs. Betty Harris
HOPE
Room 714
50 Whitehall Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Harris:

Enclosed is the latest bibliography of SRC publications you requested.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Enclosure

September 29, 1959

The Western Political Quarterly
Institute of Government
University of Utah
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Sirs:

Do you have special rates for quantity orders of reprints of the article "The South Counterattacks: The Anti-NAACP Laws" from your June 1959 issue? If so we would like very much to know them.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

September 29, 1959

Please Reply: DETROIT

Mr. Harry S. Ashmore, Executive Editor
The Arkansas Gazette
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Cousin Harry:

Have just heard from Harold that you have decided to leave the South and accept a position with the Study of Democratic Institutions out in California. I suppose this is the remains of the Fund for the Republic.

I wish you well in this new endeavor, but I can tell you that it is a sad day for the South. This will add a new line to Dixie's epitaph, "She lost her finest sons."

I can tell you this, as one who has recently experienced it, that time and again you will question the wisdom of your decision, but I can also assure you that there is much to be done in the rest of the nation. And who can serve more wisely as missionaries to the fearful and the faint believers than those of us who have come out of the South.

Best of regards.

As ever,

Frederick B. Routh
Executive Director

FBR:jca

September 30, 1959

Miss Harriet Stull
Western Illinois University
Macomb, Illinois

Dear Miss Stull:

Thank you for your letter inquiring about our material. It has been turned over to me.

The Council publishes a monthly magazine, NEW SOUTH, a copy of which is enclosed. From time to time, we publish other pamphlets.

We do not have a general mailing list for our publications other than our regular subscribers to NEW SOUTH, but our readers are kept informed of additional publications through NEW SOUTH. We also publish in NEW SOUTH digests of most of our miscellaneous publications.

Additional publications vary in price from 10¢ up according to the material involved.

We are mailing you a sampling of some of our recent literature with price marked on the cover.

If we can be of further aid to you, please let us know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

September 30, 1959

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

I am sorry to have been slow in responding to yours of the 23rd; was out sick all of last week, and am pressed to catch up.

I hope the attached notes will be useful. May I jam together here a few explanations of them? Before World War II many states required teacher's oaths to uphold the constitution. I haven't been able to look these up (though I would be glad enough, just from curiosity, to do so at a law library, if you would like); far in the darks of my memory is the notion that such oaths were rather less common in the South than elsewhere. If there were any, the old Tennessee oath which I did run across was probably typical. In reporting, I have tried to be, in a very limited way, precise, and you can trust the notes for indicating whether a law is directed against Communists, or, more indefinitely, advocates of violent overthrow; against organizations or individuals. On the other hand, not always precise about state and local governments; when you see state you can read state and local. As you will see, I had trouble with some dates, because my references were to codes and supplements; the way I handled this is, I hope, clear. It is safe to assume that most of the loyalty laws were enacted in the early 50's. It is *not* safe to assume that they are being enforced; in fact, I suspect that enforcement (other than the pro forma collection of oaths) is the exception, and, such as there is, sporadic. The registration laws are dormant, and generally thought to be unenforceable under the rule of the *Steve Nelson* case (i.e. the rule that this is a field pre-empted by Congress).

Let me know if this misses your needs, or if we can do anything el else.

Sincerely,

Leslie W. Dunbar

LWD:a

Director of Research

P.S. The enclosed Amherst Student may be of small interest to you in connection with your Williamsburg conference. Jessamyn West, Van Doren, Dilliard - in the roles, respectively, of writer, teacher, editor - came up to speak on a theme not unlike yours: "Words and Their Responsibilities"; MacLeish was moderator, but he also orated at length.

Alabama - apparently has enacted no general legislation requiring overt teacher conformity; several local acts, applying to the teachers of specific counties (e. g. Macon, Marengo), have been passed, and authorize summary discharge of public school teachers. The principal attack on the NAACP has been, not new legislation, but prosecution under existing tax laws. By statute passed before 1953, no member of the Communist party or a Communist front can be employed by state or local agency; requires registration of all Communist organizations by law of 1951.

Arkansas - Act 10, 1958: teachers at tax supported institutions required to list all organizations to which they have belonged during past five years.

Act115, 1959: prohibited employment of NAACP members by the state or any school district; declared unconstitutional by federal district court in June 1959.

By statutes of 1947 or earlier, subversive activity made criminal, and no one convicted of it is eligible for five years for state employment. A Communist registration act was passed in 1951, applicable to individuals only.

Florida - apparently has enacted no legislation concerning college people, except indirectly by the resolution of 1956 which established the Johns Committee.

Does require a loyalty oath of state employees, by statute of 1953 or earlier.

Georgia - State Board of Education (1955) ruled that any teacher who "supports, encourages, condones, or agrees to teach mixed classes" would have license revoked forever; rescinded in short order on advice of Attorney-General that same objective was accomplished by teacher oath to "uphold, support and defend the constitution and laws of Georgia".

This is included in loyalty oath required of all state employees, by statute of 1951 or earlier. By amendments of 1953 or earlier, state employees are required to complete a questionnaire (based, I understand, on the Attorney-Generals list), and a loyalty investigation procedure is established.

Louisiana - Act 249, 1956: makes it a ground for dismissal for any teacher to perform "any act toward bringing about the integration of the races within the public school system or any public institution of higher learning"; or to advocate integration; or to belong or contribute to any organization prohibited from operating in the state (at the time, the NAACP was enjoined).

Rainach Committee, established in 1954, still operating; when, in 1958, 66 faculty members at L.S.U. signed the ACLY petition, the Committee

Louisiana, continued: quizzed each of them as to their memberships.* A second joint legislative committee, chaired by Senator Cole, was created following this fracas to investigate un-American activities at all institutions of higher education; we have no record that the committee has been active.

By law of 1953 or earlier, no Communist can be employed by the state; as a test, the law specifically incorporates the Attorney-General's list. By a registration law of the same period, all Party members or members of organizations on the Attorney-General's list are required to register.

Mississippi - Chapter 265, 1956: state teachers of all ranks required to file affidavits listing all organizations to which they have belonged during the past five years (this is the model of the Arkansas law).

Does require a loyalty oath of state employees by a law of 1950, modeled after one of the most (or the most) extreme acts of the period - Maryland's (My Maryland) Ober Law, complete with investigation machinery, etc., and without the Ober Act's civilized touch: judicial review.

North Carolina - except for the dusting-off of two old corporation registration laws, and their half-hearted enforcement against the NAACP, North Carolina has not done much in this area or along its tangents. By act of 1951 or earlier, amended by 1953, state may employ no one who advocates the violent overthrow of the government.

South Carolina - Act 223, 1957: requires applicants for state or local employment to list active and honorary memberships. This was signed into law on the day that an appeal was entered in Circuit Court against the law of 1956 which prohibited state or local employment of NAACP members; Act 223 repealed that law. Act 920, 1956: ordered an investigation of NAACP activity at S. C. State College (I believe the committee held one day of hearings).

Special legislative committee to investigate Communism created in 1958.

By act of 1952 or earlier, applicants for teaching certificates are required to satisfy examiners of their loyalty. I have not been able to ascertain whether this applies only to public school teachers, or includes college faculty: probably you know. By law of 1952, Communist and Communist front organizations are required to register.

Tennessee - except for the legislative investigation of Highlander, and some rather hot-or-miss registration laws (aimed at persons and organizations lobbying or influencing litigation) Tennessee has no legislation which reaches or plausibly might reach college teachers.

By law of 1934 or earlier, teachers in tax supported institutions must take oath to support the state and federal constitution.

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* Miss Manderson has sensibly suggested that a copy of the questionnaire and results, as released by Rainach, be enclosed.

Texas - By law of 1951, an oath to support federal and state constitutions is required of all teachers in tax supported institutions; visiting foreign instructors are excepted, and they must swear that they are not Communists or Fascists, nor teaching subversive doctrines. By law of 1951 or earlier, amended in 1953 or earlier, both teachers and students in tax supported institutions must take a loyalty oath, swearing also that for the past two years they have not belonged to an organisation advocating the violent overthrow of the government, or which would adhere to an enemy in time of war. I am not sure how this law relates to the following: an act of 1953 or earlier requiring all state employees to take a loyalty oath, swearing also that within the past five years they have not belonged to any organization on the Attorney-General's list. (I noted language here undoubtedly intended to "save" KKK members, past or present: you may swear that you did not know that the organization to which you belonged was intended for the purpose which the Attorney-General says it was.) By act of 1951, all Communist organizations and members are required to register.

Virginia - none of the legislative investigating committees active since 1956 have shown much interest in college affairs. Does not have, so far as I can ascertain, a loyalty oath.

via air mail September 30, 1959

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
The Field Foundation
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Max:

It was good to have your recent letter and to hear that the summer afforded you some relief from the treadmill.

I am to be in New York on Wednesday and Thursday of next week, October 7 and 8, and hope very much that it will be possible for me to see you. Since the time is so close, I will plan to call your office on Wednesday morning to see if your schedule will permit an appointment.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

via air mail September 30, 1959

Mr. Frank S. Loescher
United States-South Africa Leader
Exchange Program
345 East 46th Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Frank:

Of course, I will be delighted to see Mr. and Mrs. Whyte and to render them any service I can when they are in Atlanta.

I expect to be in New York next week on Wednesday and Thursday. If you are to be there, I hope we can get together.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Enclosure: Washington Post Article, Sept. 19, 1959
"Why Only Whites Vote in Newton," Bob Baker

September 30, 1959

Dr. B. R. Brazeal
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dean Brazeal:

The Washington Post finally ran the enclosed story by Robert Baker concerning disfranchisement in Baker County. Obviously the story was an outgrowth of your field report, which Robert Baker read in the original before deciding to do the story and making a quick visit of his own to Baker County.

The piece as it appeared is disappointingly brief and superficial. Even so, I understand that, right after its publication, one Congressman publicly demanded that the Department of Justice investigate and take necessary action.

I am convinced that as a result of your survey we will see further discussion and action on Baker County.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

via air mail September 30, 1959

Mr. Lloyd Garrison
575 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Garrison:

For some time now, I have very much wanted to have an opportunity to talk with you (without benefit of an agenda!) about our various mutual interests. I am to be in New York Wednesday and Thursday of next week, October 7 and 8, and am hoping that you may have time to see me on one of those days.

I realize that you are hard pressed and will be prepared to hew to whatever time limit your schedule may require.

In any case, I will call your secretary Wednesday morning to see what is possible.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 30, 1959

Mr. Mike Edwards
The Atlanta Journal
Box 4689
Atlanta 2, Georgia

Dear Mike:

We'll be happy to see that you get all of our materials and releases -- far enough in advance to enable you to file a story before the release date. I have felt for a long time that the Herald Tribune should get something better than the average wire service stories.

We have done no surveys of the practical results of trolley desegregation, but we have done periodic checks of Southern cities that have taken this step, mostly voluntarily. Enclosed is our latest published list, as it appeared in New South last February. Since then, we have learned of two additional places -- Fairfield, Virginia, and El Paso, Texas -- which with Atlanta bring the total to 37 cities.

As I believe I told you, apart from our current releases, we maintain pretty full reference files on Southern race relations and will be glad to help you with other story ideas any time we can.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

Separate mailing:

10 copies; September/1959 NEW SOUTH

September 30, 1959

Mr. George K. Hunton
Catholic Interracial Council
20 Vesey Street
New York 7, New York

Dear George:

I am glad you share our enthusiasm for the Chester Bowles presentation. Ten additional copies of this issue of New South are being mailed to you separately, with our compliments. This speech of Bowles's has been printed in the Congressional Record; this puts it in the public domain, and I am sure it can be reprinted in full or condensed without securing permission.

I have been pleased to see the fine publicity received by your speech on the NAACP; this is a very helpful note to sound.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 30, 1959

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

Enclosed is the proposed agenda for the October 5th meeting of the Executive Committee.

We will, of course, be happy to make any changes or suggestions which you may have.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1.

VIA AIR MAIL September 30, 1959

Mr. David F. Freeman
Rockefeller Brothers Fund
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York

Dear Dave:

The National Manpower Council is bringing me to New York for a conference at the end of next week, so naturally I'm coming a copple of days early to strike a few blows for SRC.

I am hoping that you will be there and will have some time for conversation on Wednesday or Thursday (7th and 8th). As usual, I'll be calling you, probably Wednesday morning.

Tongsoo turned up here the other day to pay his respects. He gave some cloudy and incomprehensible account of his parting from the Freemans at the end of what, otherwise, he portrayed as a mutually pleasant arrangement. I'm anxious to hear the authentic story.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL SPECIAL September 30, 1959

The St. Regis Hotel
55th and 5th Avenue
New York, New York

Gentlemen:

Please reserve a single room for Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, October 6 - 9, 1959 in the name of Mr. Harold Fleming. Please mark for late arrival on the 6th.

Confirmation by return wire would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mildred Flowers
Secretary

MF

October 1, 1959

Mr. Will D. Campbell
P. O. Box 1083
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Will:

Enclosed is a clipping from the New York Times of September 27, describing a new program to be headed by the Rev. Julius C. Herrin, sponsored by the Northern Baptist Convention.

What can you tell us about the man and his program - especially the man? And, do you think he intends to practice it in front of students?

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

October 1, 1959

Mrs. Jane Leed
Florida Council on Human Relations
213 N. E. Second Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Jane:

Many thanks for the followup letter and other addresses. Letters will go to the Emanuels today; all others have gone.

The Foundation group, with any others I can turn up, I'll begin checking into and let you have something on that shortly.

As I told Bill, I am somewhat concerned that he has not been able to followup more of the possibilities of this week. Push him out on the street! Have also written Ed asking him to become temporary budget, administrative, and deficit officer for FCHR. Push him too!

Paul Rilling has made a flying trip back to Atlanta today for general discussion of FCHR situation, and one of us - likely Paul Rilling - will be in Daytona on the 10th if policy people invite us.

Trust I'll see you soon. In the meantime, thanks for your help and hospitality during last week.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

October 1, 1959

Mr. Victor Emanuel
1365 - 13th Terrace
Miami Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. Emanuel:

Thank you for the opportunity to break into your meeting on last Saturday to express our concern about the Florida Council on Human Relations.

I regret that my schedule did not allow me to remain longer to share your interests. However, if we of the Southern Regional Council can be of any help to you and your program, please feel free to call on us.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

October 1, 1959

The Rev. William K. Williams
Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
213 N. E. Second Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Bill:

This will confirm the recent telephone conversation between you and Paul Anthony concerning the final 1959 quarterly installment of SRC State Aid to the Florida Council on Human Relations.

As you know, the quarterly aid payments are not automatic but are conditional. In view of the present deficit of the Florida Council, we are stipulating that this entire aid payment be used to meet overdue salary commitments to the Executive Director. We must ask that none of this quarterly grant be used for any other purpose until and unless these salary commitments are met.

Sincerely,

Paul Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

October 1, 1959

Mr. W. C. Allred, Jr.
607 Irving Street
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Will:

The "ground breaking" letters to Mr. Wright, Mr. Dabbs, and Mr. Johnson are being prepared by my secretary.

Their home addresses are: Mr. Guy B. Johnson, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina; Mr. Marion Wright, "Top Knot," Linevills Falls, North Carolina; and Mr. James M. Dabbs, Mayesville, South Carolina.

As yet, we don't know who will be here for the Board meeting. Why don't you write Mr. Williams at 3320 Gloucester Road, Richmond, Virginia, and ask him.

Mrs. Tilly, as far as I know, does not have a meeting this month. She had one the last of September and will have a regional meeting at Clark College, November 5 and 6.

How are things in Winston-Salem? It's pleasant here. We didn't even get rain from Gracie. However, the place I spent my vacation this summer was hard hit. We haven't heard anything yet.

Don't worry about the overhead for the introduction letters. I think the Council can make that investment in you.

Hope to see you soon. The staffers have asked about you.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

October 1, 1959

Mr. Benjamin Muse
Manassas, Vriginia

Dear Ben:

The AP story on L-9 has also appeared in the *Chattanoogs Times*, *Burlington*, N. C., *Times-News*, *Charlotte Observer*, *Charlottesville Progress*, *Asheville Times*, *Richmond Dispatch*, and the *Danville Bee*.

Enclosed are thermofax copies of two editorials which mention the report.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Enclosures

Same letter sent to:
Mr. Marion Wright
Mr. Guy B. Johnson

October 1, 1959

Mr. James M. Dabbs
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

A young man, William C. Allred, is writing a thesis on the Council and its work since 1951.

Mr. Allred has expressed a desire to interview you in person later this month. He will contact you to make specific arrangements.

This letter is just to serve as an introduction for Mr. Allred. From what I have seen of the thesis, he is doing a first rate job; and we have the right to review the thesis before it is submitted.

I hope you will have time to talk with Mr. Allred when he requests an interview.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

October 1, 1959

Miss Eleanor Kent Browne
Administrative Secretary
World Council of Churches
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Miss Browne:

Mr. Fleming has asked that I respond to your letter of September 28. We will be happy to coordinate the visit of Mr. Kitagawa, and these things have been done thus far:

(1) The Rev. John Morris, (who knows Mr. Kitagawa) has written directly to Mr. Kitagawa, inviting him to be his guest while in Atlanta. We have, however, taken the precaution of making a reservation at the Piedmont Hotel (first step on the airport limousine). Please inform us as soon as possible of which of these arrangements Mr. Kitagawa will prefer.

(2) If Mr. Kitagawa stays with Mr. Morris, we will see that Mr. Morris has a confirmed schedule of the activities listed below which are now in the planning stage. If Mr. Kitagawa stays at the Piedmont Hotel, he should contact the SRC staff member who is making the arrangements; Mrs. Montez Albright - telephone, TRinity 2-6148.

Saturday, October 10 - Lunch with Episcopal Bishop Claibourne (not confirmed)

Dr. Harry Richardson, President, Gammon Theological Seminary (Appointment at 3:00 or 3:30 PM)

	Dr. Harrison McMains will telephone hotel in late afternoon to discuss possibility of getting together Saturday evening.
Sunday, October 11 -	The Rev. John Morris will be with Mr. Kitagawa for the day - tour of city, church, dinner; will see that Mr. Kitagawa meets white and Negro clergymen.
	Possible mid-afternoon appointment with Mrs. Fred Patterson.
Monday, Oct. 12	Appointment with the Rev. L. W. Bottoms at 9:00 a.m. Appointment with Mr. Fleming, SRC, at 10:00 or thereafter, when free.

Mr. Fleming will be out of the city until Sunday evening, October 12. Unfortunately, Mrs. Tilly will be out of the city during the entire period of Mr. Kitagawa's visit.

Other arrangements will be made as required. Perhaps most important, is that Mr. Kitagawa contact Mrs. Albright on his arrival in the city unless he plans to stay with Mr. Morris.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

October 1, 1959

Mrs. Toby Emanuel
43 Star Island
Miami Beach, Florida

Dear Mrs. Emanuel:

It was a pleasure meeting you and visiting in your home on last Saturday. Thank you for your hospitality and opportunity for us to express our concern about the Florida Council on Human Relations.

I only regret that my schedule allowed for so short a visit and I trust that in the not-too-distant future I may have an opportunity to know you better.

If we of the Southern Regional Council can be of any help to you and your program, please feel free to call on us.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

October 2, 1959

Mr. James P. Mitchell
Secretary of Labor
U. S. Department of Labor
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

The New York Times on September 27 carried a report of your address in New Orleans before the Anti-Defamation League on manpower problems. If they are available, I wonder if we could have one or two copies of your paper.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

via air mail October 2, 1959

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
The Field Foundation
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Max:

Many thanks for your prompt reply. Wednesday at 10:30 will be perfect for me. I am looking forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

via air mail October 2, 1959

Miss Lillian Schorr
Secretary to Mr. Garrison
575 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Miss Schorr:

Thank you for your prompt reply to my letter of last Wednesday.

As it happens, I am to be in New York on Friday the 9th, but didn't mention it since I will be in meetings most of the day. However, I will be free between 11:30 and 12:30 or 1:00. If Mr. Garrison should happen to be free at the same time, I will be grateful for an appointment.

In the likely event that there is not time for a reply to reach me before my departure Tuesday evening, I will call Wednesday morning.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 6, 1959

Mr. Irwin Glatstein
Jewish Community Center
2020 Hermann Drive
Houston, Texas

Dear Irwin:

Marion Wright asked that I send on to you his expense account from the Houston trip. He indicated that he had a very good experience in Houston, and we were glad that he could be there.

I would like very much to have your evaluation of the meeting when you can get around to it.

Sincerely,

Paul Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm
Enclosure

October 6, 1959

The Rev. Will D. Campbell
National Council of Churches
P.O. Box 1083
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Will:

Is your office at all interested in the possibility of reprinting and circulating Ralph McGill's article in the New York Times Magazine Section of September 27? The article dealt with the Southern preacher and his involvement with the race issue.

It seemed to us here a particularly valuable contribution, well worth circulating through the South. The National Council would seem a logical office to circulate it.

What do you think?

It was good to see you last week. I enjoyed our "conference" although I thought your steak house was lousy. I will close now because the World Series game is starting. I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Paul Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

October 6, 1959

Mr. Ronald M. Cunningham
Room 202, Hamilton House
American University
Washington 16, D. C.

Dear Mr. Cunningham:

We are mailing you today, separately, The Negro and the Ballot in the South. This pamphlet was published and released the first week in September, and contains all the latest information we have on Negro voting and registration. We hope that you will find it informative and useful to you in your project.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

October 6, 1959

Mr. Walter P. Zand
Area Director
The American Jewish Committee
343 S. Dearborn Street
Chicago 4, Illinois

Dear Dr. Zand:

I have your letter of October 2 requesting twelve copies of Intimidation, Reprisal and Violence. Inasmuch as the American Jewish Committee purchased several hundred of this for distribution, I though I had better check with Charles Wittenstein of your Atlanta office before filling your request. Charles tells me that there is still an adequate supply of the pamphlet available and asked me to suggest to you that you write to your national office for copies.

In the event there is any shortage, we shall be glad to take care of your need.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

October 6, 1959

Dr. John A. Griffin
Florida State College
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear John:

I had hoped to check this question with you yesterday during a lull in the Executive Committee meeting. It has to do with Table 8 of your section of the SERS book, Progress and Problems. It seems to me fairly obvious that there are two typographical errors in that table: the figure for Rural White Enrollment, 1939 to 1957, for Arkansas should be - 39.8? the figure for Rural Negro Enrollment, 1949 to 1957, for Oklahoma should be - 74.6 ?

Would you mind taking a look at the table and dropping me a very quick line confirming that both of these percentages should be minus. I need to use the data for the next issue of New South.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

October 6, 1959

Dr. Raymond Wheeler
Charlotte Medical Clinic
1012 Kings Drive, Suite 101
Charlotte 7, North Carolina

Dear Ray:

Many thanks for your effective followup of the Nominating Committee meeting. Two out of two - particularly when real quality is involved - is a pretty good percentage!

I was pleased to find the other day that our research staff had met a request by Mr. Shute for copies of the most recent voting study.

My best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 6, 1959

Mr. Walter P. Reuther
President
International Union, UAW
8000 E. Jefferson Avenue
Detroit 14, Michigan

Dear Mr. Reuther:

Please accept my apologies for this delay in replying to your invitation to attend the Seventeenth Constitutional Convention of the International Union, United Automobile, Aircraft and Agricultural Implement Workers of America, as a guest observer. I am very sorry that I find it impossible to attend.

However, our Executive Director, Mr. Harold Fleming, will be in New York during part of this period and will try to attend some sessions of the Convention. He will bring to you my kindest personal regards and the good will of the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

J. M. Dabbs
President

JMD/mf

October 6, 1959

Miss Barbara Meggs
Box 971
Winthrop College
Rock Hill, S. C.

Dear Miss Meggs:

We are pleased to send you some of our materials to be used for your Westminster Fellowship's month's study on "Racial Tensions". I am listing the materials under the general headings you gave.

Propaganda-
  Special Report: Resistance Groups
  Intimidation, Reprisal and Violence

Legislative and Judicial-
  New South, October 1959, "Chronology of Court Cases"
  What the Supreme Court Said
  L Reports, 7, 8A, 9

Educational and Social-
  Background Report on School Desegregation 1959-60
  If the Schools Are Closed
  Waiting Room Practices in 21 Southern Cities
  The Negro and the Ballot in the South
  Race and Conscience in America
  New South, December 1958, statements of Religious bodies
  Atlanta ministers manifesto
  L Reports, 6 and 8

You might also wish to read Chapter Two of The Southern Temper, by William Peters. This chapter tells of the quiet and effective work of the churchwomen of the South. Kyle Haselden's The Racial Problem in Christian Perspective is an excellent book dealing with the Christian's moral responsibility.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

October 6, 1959

Professor Sankey C. Chao
Florida Norman and Industrial
Memorial College
St. Augustine, Florida

Dear Professor Sankey:

We are mailing you today, separately, the requested 30 copies of Report No. L-8, "Race and Intelligence" for distribution to the members of the faculty of your college.

The statement, as issued, also included the signature of Professor Isidor Chein, New York University. We regret that through error his name was omitted.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

October 6, 1959

Mr. Todd James Taylor
Unitarian Church of Fort Worth
2800 Purington Avenue
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Thank you for your request concerning the film "THE FACE OF THE SOUTH."

Enclosed is a copy of our film bibliography which gives you information on how to obtain this particular film plus additional ones in which you may be interested.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/bec
Encl.:

October 7, 1959

Dr. Tinsley L. Spraggins
Department of Social Studies
Virginia Union University
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Dr. Spraggins:

I am looking forward to seeing you at the forthcoming convention of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. I appreciate your thinking of me in connection with this important meeting.

I am wondering whether or not those attending the convention are being housed on the campus at Florida University, or whether I should secure my own accommodations in Tallahassee. I will not be able to come to Tallahassee until Thursday evening because of conflicting engagements. I will be with you all day Friday, leaving some time late Saturday morning.

Sincerely,

Paul Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

October 7, 1959

Mr. John Hope II
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear John:

I am sorry we did not have a greater opportunity to explore the possibilities for the consultant service program other than the Prince Edward County situation. There are a number of other possibilities, although none of them are developed to the point of immediate need.

1. The Alabama Council on Human Relations is interested in having several regional workshops for local leadership. These workshops will concentrate on the strategic role of the Alabama Council as well as program techniques for local groups. It is questionable whether the consultant service program should furnish leadership for this kind of effort. The Alabama people have suggested that it would be helpful to have a specialist in voting problems at these workshops to advise them as to how to move on this problem. This, it seems to me, would be within the framework of the consultant service program.

2. As you know, the Tennessee Council is interested in having a workshop for board and officers. Tennessee is the only state in which such a workshop was not held several years ago. It seems to me they have one coming.

3. It is possible that the consultant service program could make available some one to work with local groups in connection with the Civil Rights Commission on the merit employment problem in Tennessee. This is in your bailiwick rather than mine. I list it here simply to complete the list of possibilities.

4. The Virginia Council on Human Relations is requesting that specialist in merit employment spend several days in Virginia counseling with leaders in Charlottesville and Blacksburg, helping them plan the most effective way they can move in this problem area.

5. The Florida Council on Human Relations has obtained the approval of the Governor's Interracial Advisory Committee for the setting up of one or more panels using college leadership in Florida. It seems to be a real possibility that one or more local communities in Florida would request the services of such a consultant panel for fact-finding. If it develops it would seem a legitimate use of consultant funds.

6. I am hopeful that we can work out some way of tapping the CSP to help the developing situations in Houston and New Orleans. I have no clear-cut recommendations on this as yet but am exploring the possibility with our contacts in these two communities.

Sincerely,

Paul Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm
Dictated, but not read

via air mail October 7, 1959

Mr. George K. Hunton
Catholic Interracial Council
20 Vesey Street
New York 7, New York

Dear George:

Thank you for the reprint of the excellent article from AMERICA, and for your offer to supply us with additional copies. If you can spare 300 to 400 copies, we can put them to good use.

I am to be present at the Mass Media Committee meeting in New York on Friday. I hope I will see you, or at any rate some representative of your staff, at the meeting.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 7, 1959

Rev. W. Carroll Brooke
Post Office Box 208
Staunton, Virginia

Dear Carroll:

Many thanks for the good news of Francis Pickens Miller's willingness to accept membership in the Council. This is a most encouraging addition to the wholly favorable reactions we have had so far from the Nominating Committee's selections. I am looking forward to further word from Mrs. Rayzor and Mr. Shaw.

It's a great pity we won't have you with us on November 11, but I'm looking forward with pleasure to working with you on the Executive Committee.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 7, 1959

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Rufus:

Following up Monday's discussion, this is to express our hope that you will find it is possible for Atlanta University once again to accommodate the Council's annual meeting.

If there is any available space smaller and less formal than the Sage Hall auditorium, needless to say we will be glad to undertake any special arranging that may be necessary.

Atlanta University has been both generous and indispensable to us, and we are grateful for your willingness to consider our needs again.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

BC Jane Hammer

via air mail October 7, 1959

Mr. Omer Carmichael
Superintendent
Louisville Public Schools
Administration Building
506 West Hill Street
Louisville 8, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Carmichael:

Mrs. Hammer has passed on to me your recent letter, and I take pleasure in sending you the enclosed check representing expenses and honorarium for your Atlanta visit.

The television program was excellent in every way -- by far the best of its kind we have had here. I called the station afterwards myself and was told that there had been a number of complimentary calls.

I am sure that your wise advice and comments, both on television and in private conferences have contributed to our chances of making a constructive adjustment to school desegregation in Atlanta.

Our thanks to you and my best personal regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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October 7, 1959

Mr. Morris Hirsch, President
Hirsch Brothers, Inc.
79 Peachtree Street, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Hirsch:

On behalf of the Southern Regional Council, I want to express sincere thanks for your $100 contribution toward the work of the Council, which came to us through Mr. Leonard Haas, September 29, 1959.

The Council recognises the fact that you have been a very loyal friend for a number of years, and, hope that it can continue to merit your interest and support in the future.

Enclosed is an official receipt from the Council.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth House Alexander
Secretary-Treasurer

Enclosure (Receipt $100.)
cc: Mr. Leonard Haas

October 7, 1959

Mr. Leonard Haas, Attorney
Suite 601
Haas-Howell Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Haas:

The Council is indeed grateful to you for transmitting the $100 contribution from Mr. Morris Hirsch.

Enclosed is a copy of our acknowledgment to Mr. Hirsch.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth House Alexander
Secretary-Treasurer

Enclosure

October 7, 1959

Mr. Wm. Henry Oliver
Superintendent of City Schools
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Oliver:

I want to think you most sincerely for taking time to write to us regarding our report on the private school experience in Virginia. It was good of you to do so. Certainly you are correct when you say that the problem is different in each southern community and that each must find its own best solution. I think you would agree that to this statement one must add "under the law." As a matter of fact, we believe so firmly as you do that local solutions are the best that it is possible the Southern Regional Council, at its annual meeting next month, may make a public statement to this effect.

I am not sure whether you received a copy of an analysis of private school plans made for us by Professors Green and Gauerke of Emory University. If you did, perhaps you could still find a second copy useful. I am enclosing one, together with a background report we issued on school desegregation, some parts of which you may find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

October 7, 1959

Miss Ruth Burr
Norwalk High School
East Avenue
Norwalk, Connecticut

Dear Miss Burr:

Thank you for your interest in our material.

Listed below is our most recent material.

"The Negro and the Ballot in the South," 40 cents per single copy.

"If the Schools Are Closed...A Critical Analysis of the Private School Plan," 25 cents per single copy.

"Intimidation, Reprisal, and Violence in the South's Racial Crisis," 40 cents per single copy.

"A Background Report on School Desegregation for 1959-60," (mimeographed), 20 cents per single copy.

"A Survey of Waiting Room Facilities in 21 Southern Cities," (mimeographed), 10 cents per single copy.

"The Economic Effects of School Closings," single copy free on request.

We are mailing to you, under separate cover, some recent copies of our monthly magazine NEW SOUTH. Readers are kept abreast of other new material through the pages of NEW SOUTH.

Miss Ruth Burr
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October 7, 1959

We are also mailing you some other sample material which might interest you.

Again, thanks for your interest.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec

October 7, 1959

Miss Harriett Stull
Western Illinois University
Macomb, Illinois

Dear Miss Stull:

Thank you for your order for Council material and your subscription to NEW SOUTH. The material is being sent under separate cover.

We very much appreciate your interest in our work.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

October 7, 1959

Mr. Benjamin Muse
Manassas, Virginia

Dear Ben:

We now have less than 30 of the "Organizing to Save Public Schools."

We found that after we supplied copies to the interagency people, the state groups, and interested individuals plus the 100 for HOPE, we were already well into the 100 which came yesterday. Today, Paul Rilling got 25 copies for New Orleans.

We now have a request for 30 copies from the Georgia Council on Human Relations and the Council is interested in purchasing more later.

In view of this, I wonder what you think about letting us have another supply? As yet, we have not had any request from the other states; but I expect some later.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

October 7, 1959

The Most Reverend Francis E. Hyland
Bishop of Atlanta
2699 Peachtree Street
Atlanta 5, Georgia

Most Reverend and Dear Bishop Hyland:

Thank you so much for your most gracious reception of me and your kindness in consenting to be with The Fellowship of the Concerned of the Southern Regional Council, at Clark College at 11:00 on November 6. I regret that I did not find out just where your Nurses meeting will be, because we will send someone for you and see that you get back to your office.

This is what the women want as they said it:

> "We seek a conviction that will not let us rest,
> A faith that will not shrink,
> Courage that will not waver."

I am glad that you too think this is what we of the South should be seeking.

The Fellowship of the Concerned is made us of women from the various Protestant groups, the Catholic women, B'nai B'rith, the Council of Jewish Women and Temple Sisterhood. It also includes members of both races.

Attached you will find a reprint from the Congressional Record that gives some story of Southern Regional Council, and also I am attaching a sheet that gives something of the work of The Fellowship of the Concerned.

It is with a great deal of anticipation and pleasure that we look forward to having you with us, sharing with us your concern for all people, and God's will for us in this work.

With good wishes, I beg to remain, dear Bishop

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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original + Green
Copies with Hat

October 7, 1959

Mrs. W. F. Bates
125 Atkins Street
North Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Bates:

I am deeply sorry that health considerations make it necessary for you to resign from the Southern Regional Council. Your loyalty and support have meant a great deal to the Council and your participation will be missed.

The Rev. C. C. Walker and Dr. Tilman Cothran are both fine men and would add strength to the Council. It may be too late for the Nominating Committee to consider them for nomination this year, but they will certainly have every consideration the next time around.

Mrs. Tilly joins me and the other staff members in kindest regards and good wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 7, 1959

Mr. Jacob Seidenberg
Executive Director
The President's Committee on
Government Contracts
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Seidenberg:

I regret that absence from the office has delayed my reply to your gracious letter of September 21.

We will be more than glad to have Mr. Irving Ferman, the Executive Vice Chairman of the President's Committee on Government Contracts, speak to The Fellowship of the Concerned of the Southern Regional Council. It is made up of women from the various Protestant, Catholic and Jewish groups, all selected by their over head boards, and they come from all the Southeastern states.

There will be about one hundred women but they represent leadership, therefore we felt it important that we should be concerned about the problems of government contracts.

The workshop will be held at Kresge Hall, Clark College. If Mr. Ferman wishes us to make a reservation for him, we will be glad to do so.

We are very grateful to you for making these plans for us.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/lec

October 7, 1959

Mrs. Kyle Engler
836 Highland
Fayetteville, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Engler:

Thank you so much for suggesting Dr. Cothran for membership in the Southern Regional Council. We were delighted to learn that he has joined the faculty of Atlanta University. Only the other day, we agreed by telephone to an early get-together to discuss mutual efforts.

It may be too late for the Nominating Committee to consider Dr. Cothran for nomination this year, but he will surely be seriously considered in 1960.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 8, 1959

Professor William N. Slavick
Department of English
Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Professor Slavick:

We are pleased to mail you today a copy of our publication Intimidation, Reprisal and Violence. There is no charge; additional copies will be .40 each.

Other recent publications of ours are: If the Schools Are Closed...A Critical Analysis of the Private School Plan, by Professors Green and Gauerke of Emory University; The Negro and The Ballot in the South, by Margaret Price; and a Special Report on School Desegregation for 1959-60.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

Mailed separately:
Intimidation, Reprisal and Violence

October 8, 1959
(dictated October 7)

Mr. Julius A. Thomas
Director of Industrial Relations
National Urban League, Inc.
14 East 48th Street
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Thank you so much for your prompt attention to my letter regarding Mr. William Cooper. At the time I wrote to you, he was feeling rather discouraged; and then just within a couple of days there came the job offer from the Social Security administration. Consequently, I feel that I may have involved you unnecessarily, but, as you know, the uncertainties of his sort of situation are numerous.

John Hope was in here just yesterday. He seems in good shape after his stay in the North, and we are glad to have him back.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
CC: Mr. Puryear

October 8, 1959

The Southern Economic Journal
Box 1289
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Sirs:

Could you send me a copy of the program for the annual meeting of the Southern Economic Association in Jacksonville, November 20-21 ?

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

October 8, 1959

Journal of Southern History
The Rice Institute
Houston 1, Texas

Dear Sirs:

Could you send me a copy of the program for the annual meeting of the Southern Historical Association in Atlanta on November 12-14 ?

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

October 8, 1959

Professor George B. Tindall
Department of History
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Professor Tindall:

I have only today read your fine essay on Howard W. Odum in the Journal of Southern History for August, 1958. Because of Dr. Odum's great role with the Southern Regional Council, we would like to have a reprint of the article if you have one available.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

October 8, 1959

Mr. Jesse DeVore
Public Relations Assistant
NAACP
20 West Fortieth Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Mr. Devore:

At the request of Mr. Marion A. Wright, we are enclosing twelve copies of his speech, "New Role of the Private Citizen".

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/sm
Enc.

October 8, 1959

Mr. Benjamin Muse
Box 312
Manassas, Virginia

Dear Ben:

I would like to follow up on a point we discussed the other night.

Do you think there would be usefulness in a short, objective report designed to show schoolmen and other community leaders what academic problems and results can be expected from desegregation?

The report could be based on two principal sources: 1) the statistical study of Negro and white students and teachers in Atlanta, made by the Educational Testing Service (which has informed me that to its knowledge no similar studies have been made elsewhere); 2) the academic experience of Washington schools since 1954, and, if the data is available, the experience of Baltimore, Louisville and other desegregated systems.

The intent would be to provide a summary of the factual record as a service to Southern localities (and as an erasure of some preconceptions).

If we decide to do this, I would attempt to commission a faculty person to prepare it, and sign it. I wonder if the best presentation would not be as an L Report, though I would suggest it have a different form? A form and length similar to that of the enclosed leaflet might be used (with L Report heading instead of New South, of course); two holes could be punched to match the top two holes in the conventional L Report. The distribution could be the same, plus others as seemed desirable. Budget allocations between Research and RBF could, I am sure, be easily settled.

Obviously, this would all require an investment of time, effort and money which, though not of great size, should not be expended unless we see a positive, strong value. What do you think?

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Enclosure

October 8, 1959

Mrs. Perra S. Bell
1622 Wadsworth Way
Baltimore 12, Maryland

Dear Mrs. Bell:

I am very sorry to tell you that we cannot help you obtain a copy of Integration: North and South. We have only one copy left for our research files

We are mailing you, separately, the requested copy of Changing Patterns in the New South; also several of our latest publications which may be of interest to you.

In connection with your course on "The Historical Background of Segregation", you may wish to read The Southern Heritage, by James M. Dabbs, president of the Southern Regional Council, and The Southern Temper, by William Peters. I believe that you could find both these books in your local library, and that you would find them helpful and interesting.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

Mailed separately:
Changing Patterns in the New South
The Negro Voter in the South, 1956
The Negro and the Ballot in the South, 1958
Background Report on School Desegregation, 1959-60
New South, October 1959
New South, September 1959

October 8, 1959

Mr. Carroll D. Davidson
The Odessa Chamber of Commerce
211 West Third
Odessa, Texas

Dear Mr. Davidson:

We are pleased that you were interested in our Report L-10, "Education and Income". The information in the report came from Analysis of Georgia Personal Income Payments, by Counties and the full report can be obtained from the Industrial Development Branch, Engineering Experiment Station, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia. We have only one copy of the report, for our research files.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

October 8, 1959

Miss Martha Lamb, Secretary
Senior High Fellowship
521 South Fort Drive
Charleston, West Virginia

Dear Miss Lamb:

We are pleased to send you two copies of our monthly magazine, New South. Each copy contains articles which could be used in your notebook on Christian Citizenship. I assumed, from your letter, that you wanted material which could have holes punched in it to put into a notebook. Our other publications are much too thick and heavy to do this.

In the event that you want something to use as a basis of study, rather than to go into the notebook, I would suggest that you get Race and Conscience in America, prepared by the American Friends Service Committee. You can get it from them, or from us, for .25 per copy.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

New South, September 1959
" " October 1959

Minister's Statement

October 8, 1959

Professor Hayden C. Bryant
Director, Teacher Education
Mercer University
Macon, Georgia

Dear Professor Bryant:

We are pleased to mail you today the requested two copies of If the Schools Are Closed. There is no charge. If additional copies are desired, the cost is .25 each.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Mailed separately:
2 - If the Schools Are Closed

October 9, 1959

Professor Harry E. Moore
Department of Sociology
The University of Texas
Austin 12, Texas

Dear Professor Moore:

We are mailing you today, separately, copies of the requested publications, and we will add your name to our mailing list for all subsequent research publications. We hope you will find our publications helpful. There is no charge.

We expect that some of our publications have been sent to your library; others will be sent on request or order so that they may be available to all interested professors and students.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

Mailed separately:
The Negro and the Ballot
Intimidation, Reprisal and Violence
Special Report: Housing
Special Report: Waiting Room Practices
Special Report: Background Report on School Desegregation for 1959-60
New South, September and October, 1959
(subscription cost: $2.00 per year)

October 9, 1959

Mr. W. Eddie Crapps
Box 91
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
Louisville 6, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Crapps:

We are mailing you today, separately, some requested materials for your use in preparing a paper on "Resistant Movements and Desegregation."

Enclosed is a thermafax copy of an article, "The White Citizens Councils," Commentary, October 1956.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

Mailed separately:
- Special Report: Prosegregation Groups
- Intimidation, Reprisal and Violence
- Bigotry in Action
- Reprint: "Hate Mongers with Literary Trimmings" Commentary, December 1956

October 9, 1959

Mrs. William J. Lewis, Jr.
403 S. 22nd Street
Philadelphia 3, Pa.

Dear Mrs. Lewis:

We are pleased to send you the requested copy of The Negro and the Ballot in the South. Since you requested other relevant material on the status of the Negro in the South, we are including our Background Report on School Desegregation for 1959-60 and the September and October issues of New South, our monthly magazine.

I feel sure you will agree that there are problems of human relations everywhere; this is not exclusively a Southern problem. Our concern is naturally with the South, but we are concerned, too, that the other regions of the United States set an example for the South. What is happening in other cities and communities is important to us here, since any news report of discrimination or violence there is not only featured but often distorted and exaggerated here by those who oppose desegregation. So, whatever you, and others who share your concern, do in Philadelphia toward solving your problems of human relations is of great benefit to us in Atlanta and in the South.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

Mailed separately:
The Negro and the Ballot
Background Report
New South, Sept. and Oct.

October 9, 1959

Miss Jean Fairfax
American Friends Service Committee
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Jean:

Concerning our obligation to explore channels of interagency cooperation both for the two immediate problems facing us and as a pattern for the future: two ideas have emerged concerning the long-range view of such efforts. Some discussions here and from my talk with Ruby Hurley recently:

1. Would it be at all feasible to think in terms of the revived Rights of Conscience acting as a coordinating channel for such efforts? This program is established and known in the human relations field. It has had some experience with this kind of activity. Advantages of channeling future assistance through the Rights of Conscience program would be to provide an agency which could apply for foundation assistance and to unify the administration in one agency. Ruby and I did not discuss this particular idea. It grew out of staff explorations here.

2. If it is not deemed wise for this kind of assistance to be centered in the Rights of Conscience program, Ruby and I suggest that a special panel or board be set up as a coordinating body. Such a board could consist of representatives of the principal agencies concerned (AFSC, SRC, NAACP) and have professional specialists familiar with the

problems involved. There could be, for example, an educator, a psychologist, a sociologist, perhaps a recreational specialist. It is our thought that such a board could be permanent, called together from time to time as circumstances arose as they have this year in Yancey County, N. C. and Prince Edward County, Virginia. Such a board could recommend a program for assistance in specific situations and could coordinate fact finding and financial contributions.

This is as far as we have gone on the general problems involved. As far as specifics, SRC is planning to send a man into Prince Edward County under the Consultant Service program. We are having trouble finding the right person for this assignment but feel sure we can have someone involved by the end of the week. It is expected that this person will cooperate with the Prince Edward County Christian Association, the Virginia Council on Human Relations, and the state NAACP, and that he will do the fact finding necessary.

As you know, fifty of the Prince Edward County children are now attending school in North Carolina and a few others are expected to be sent to Virginia College and Seminary in Lynchburg. To the best of our knowledge, the money is not yet in hand for this limited effort. We will keep you informed as we learn further details.

Let us know, Jean, if you feel we need to get together. At any rate we will consult further by mail.

Sincerely,

Paul Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm
cc: Ruby Hurley

COPY

Same~~/~~ letter to: Miss Ethel Oliver

October 9, 1959

Mrs. Ruth Brooks
1204 Fairmont Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Soror Brooks:

This is to give you the official announcement and invitation to attend the workshop of The Fellowship of the Concerned here in Atlanta, at Kresge Hall, Clark College, November 5 and 6.

I certainly regret that I cannot be the hostess to you that you were to me, because I will be so tied up with the workshop. But I am sure our Delta sisters will be delighted to take my place in this.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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October 12, 1959

Mr. R. L. Hunt, Executive Director
Department of Religion and Public Education
National Council of the Churches of Christ
257 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Hunt:

Don't worry about your expense. We will most certainly take care of it.

This group will be inter-racial, Catholic, Jewish, and Protestant. A Catholic Bishop and a Jewish Rabbi will have a part in it.

Our general theme is "Roots of Democracy." What we need most is the role of church in times of crisis like this. At a workshop in Nashville a week ago, an Episcopal minister said the minister could not mix in problems of labor, race, etc. That was the job of the laymen.

Charles Allen (you may know him) says if the school close he feels it is his duty to open a school in his church for he has a responsibility for the children of his membership. His church happens to be surrounded with both Negro and white slums. Has the church no responsibility for the community? If schools close and a church opens a school, would it not be also in defiance of the Supreme Court? You know far better than I how to set us all thinking.

We will want you to be the first speaker on November 5th to throw out the challenges to the women to discuss in the workshop.

We begin registration at 10:00 a.m. and the session will begin at 10:30.

We've had a great deal on the question of taxes but you'll know what to do.

It is so good of you to come to us.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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October 12, 1959

AIR MAIL SPECIAL

Dr. Jerry Walker
St. James Methodist Church
Ellis Avenue at 46th Street
Chicago 15, Illinois

Dear Dr. Walker:

Dr. Dow Kirkpatrick has told me the good news that you can be with us on November 5 and 6, and do for "The Fellowship of the Concerned" what you did for us at Dallas.

Our Work Shop will be in Kresge Hall, Clark College, Atlanta, beginning at 10:00 a.m. on November 5, and will close at lunch time on November 6.

"The Fellowship of the Concerned - Southern Women Concerned About Their South" that is the challenge of its problems to us who live here and the impact of these problems on the world-wide evangelistic program and the impact of these problems on world peace.

I am enclosing a Congressional Record story of The Southern Regional Council and a sheet explaining the Fellowship of the Concerned. This group is inter-racial and inter-faith. A Catholic Bishop and a Jewish Rabbi as well as Protestant ministers will be with us.

Each year over head Boards of the various denominations send us a list of women to be invited. These for the most part are women who are doing their best to lead in the field of human relations, and they come from eleven Southern states.

They have expressed what they needed to come out of the Work Shop thus:

We seek,
A Conviction that will not let us rest,
A Faith that will not shrink,
A Courage that willnot waver.

Miss Rhoda Jordan will be with us.

On the afternoon of the 5th please tell us about your Interracial church. We have been told often that the congregation of such a church soon become entirely made up of Negro members, and we would like you to be a resource person in the work groups.

Of course, Dow told you your travel and entertainment will be cared for. Dow will meet you and bring you to Clark College. He has told you we want to end with the dramatic presentation you three did at Dallas.

Looking forward to having you with us, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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Enclosures

October 12, 1959

AIR MAIL SPECIAL

Miss Rhoda Jordan
5946 Haas Avenue
Los Angeles 47, California

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God is marvelously good to me to put it in your heart to come here where we need you so much. It was wonderful to be at Dallas and hear you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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M. F.

October 12, 1959

Rabbi Harry H. Epstein
600 Peachtree Battle Avenue, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Rabbi Epstein:

Following up our telephone conversation, this is to give you fuller information and to tell you how grateful we are to you for consenting to share in our Workshop to be held at Kresge Hall, Clark College, November 5 and 6.

This is a Workshop of "The Fellowship of the Concerned - Southern Women Concerned About Their South" - our own challenging problems we must solve and their impact on the worldwide church and their impact on World Peace.

The women have said themselves, We seek:
A Conviction that will not let us rest,
A Faith that will not shrink
A Courage that will not waver.

We are asking you to give us a message at 2:00 p.m. on the 5th, that will encourage and challenge the women in their seeking. This could be from 20 to 30 minutes.

This is an inter-faith and an inter-racial group and the women are the leaders in the field of social action for their various denominations in our Southeastern states. They have been named by their own boards.

We hope you may find it possible to be with us through the entire time, but if this is not possible, we are very grateful you are giving us your time to push us along in this work.

Rabbi Harry H. Epstein
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October 12, 1959

We are enclosing some information about "The Fellowship of The Concerned," which is a part of the program of the Southern Regional Council.

With the best of wishes to you, I am

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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Enclosure

Memorandum October 12, 1959

To: Harold Fleming
From: Paul Rilling

Re: New Orleans visit,
October 7 and 8

1. There is no possibility of activating any effective Council effort in the forseeable future. Miss Mary Raymond, who I understand agreed at one time to serve as executive director of such a group, now feels that the time is not propitious, there has been too much past discouragement, etc. She would rather give herself to a Hope type operation. Dr. Dent is not inclined to take any initiative in view of Miss Raymond's opinion. Both of these would move if sufficient pressure were applied.

2. There is very little effective communication going forward across racial lines today. The Louisiana CLU provides the best such channel. Irv Schulman of the ADL has a small prestige interracial group meeting regularly. There is a general feeling among liberal elements that there is a need for more communication, whatever that means.

3. I met with a group of some forty people who are interested in launching a Save the Schools effort. This group was convened primarily by Mrs. Cahn and Mrs. Keller, both of whom are active in the CLU. Mrs. Cahn is past national president of the Council of Jewish women. Mrs. Keller is a wealthy lady whose brother is an important New Orleans businessman, chairman of Delta Air Lines. The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Adler. Mr. Adler is a prominent downtown Jewish businessman. Mrs. Adler has had past connections with SRC. She was formerly chairman of the New Orleans CHR. Attending the meeting were a group of white liberals, some of them representing quite strategic and important connections. Among those attending were: Father Fichter; the international president of the ADL (whose name I did not get); William Munroe, the director of news and public affairs at WDSU; the retired chairman of the United Fund Drive; and others.

The group faced their problem with a somewhat surprising degree of sophistication and strategic consideration. A decision was made to organize a public school committee. The group will be sub rosa, growing by invitation until January. It will meet monthly. Following the expected run-off of the gubernatorial race in January, it hopes to launch a major public effort. The intervening months will be spent in study and in laying the ground-work for this public effort. For the time being the group intends to operate within New Orleans parish and not state-wide.

4. Al Dent is in touch with this group. A small meeting is planned to explore the racial make-up of the Hope type group. Although he expresses a full understanding of the strategy concerned, Dent is reluctant to accept an all white school group and may urge an important Negro's addition to the board.

5. Irv. Schulman, the only resident human relations person in New Orleans, was not aware of these developments and obviously feels overlooked. Some of his key laymen were involved. I attempted to handle this as diplomatically as possible. I have also suggested that the group contact him in view of his Little Rock experience.

6. The spirit and temper of the meeting itself were excellent. The group seems quite determined to do something effective. Mrs. Cahn did an admirable job of moderating. Although I attempted to explain the general position of SRC as an interracial group in favor of desegregation, it seems that the NO group intends to relate to and draw from us in the months ahead, in an unofficial fashion.

October 12, 1959

Miss Eleanor Humes
1500 N. Lombardy Street
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Miss Humes:

We have enclosed the original report on the waiting room facilities. Any information we have on Richmond is included in this survey.

If we can be of additional aid, please write. Original Corrected

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/bcc
Encl:

October 12, 1959

Mrs. J. Ernest Ayre
365 Carribbean Road
Key Biscayne, Florida

Dear Mrs. Ayre:

We do not have reprints of the Chester Bowles article other than in NEW SOUTH.

We have on hand a reprint of the article from the Congressional Record. It was printed by the U. S. Government Printing Office; but I presume Representative Richard Bolling paid for the printing since it was not printed at government expense. Rep. Bolling was responsible for it appearing in the Congressional Record.

I suggest you write to Rep. Bolling, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C. or to the U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C.

If we can be of additional aid, let us know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/bec

October 13, 1959

Miss Barbara Bailey
729 St. Marks Avenue
Westfield, New Jersey

Dear Miss Bailey:

I am sorry to tell you that we do not have any copies of Understanding Our Neighbors, except for one file copy. It is quite old, and we did not make any reprints. However, I am mailing you today, under separate cover, several publications which I believe will be helpful to you and the senior class in your study of discrimination.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

Mailed separately:
Segregation Decisions, Three Views
Race
Race and Conscience in America
New South, September 1959 - "A Fresh Look at Race Relations", by Chester Bowles

October 13, 1959

Dr. C. H. Parrish
Department of Sociology
Louisville 8, Kentucky

Dear C. H.:

Les Dunbar asked me to write you and inquire if you have received a copy of the paper by Dennis Trueblood on "Identification of Talent Among Minority Groups" ? If you have not, he will send you the copy he received.

Les is at home this week with a slipped disc, and will probably be out of the office several weeks. We are sending some of his mail to him, and he is dictating over the telephone. His home address is 1529 Berkeley Lane, in case you would like to have it.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

October 13, 1959

Mrs. Gretchen Conduitte
Community Relations Librarian
Jacksonville Free Public Library
101 East Adams Street
Jacksonville 2, Florida

Dear Mrs. Conduitte:

In reply to your letter of October 12, we are enclosing a copy of a report on municipal Human Relations committees or commissions in the United States, prepared for the National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials. You will note that although some of the agencies listed on page two are concerned only with employment discrimination, the majority are broader in their scope.

The Journal of Human Relations, Volume Seven, Parts one and two, Autumn-Winter, 1958-59 (a special issue which highlights some of the significant programs of national, state, municipal, and educational groups working in the area of human relations, and which is published at Central State College, Wilberforce, Ohio) lists, in addition to the 28 municipal agencies listed in the enclosed report:

1. The City of Indianapolis. A Commission of Human Rights, established by General Ordinance No. 9, in 1953.

2. The Human Relations Council of Peoria - an ad hoc body with no official status in municipal ordinance. It is organized to represent a number of private organizations who are working for the betterment of human relations in the city.

3. The San Francisco Council for Civic Unity, a voluntary association.

4. The Seattle Civil Community Committee, now a private agency, since 1947 supported by city and county Community Chest and the United Good Neighbor Fund. Originally a Mayor's Committee, appointed in 1944.

(These four evidently do not meet the NAIRO list criteria, probably due to lack of professional staff; and, in the case of the latter three, their unofficial status.)

In addition to these committees, Dade County, Florida, has a quasi-official Council on Human Relations. A commission on human relations has been appointed in Durham, N. C.; a Mayor's Committee on race relations exists in Mobile, Alabama, and a similar one in Wadley, Alabama. Other such Mayor's committees may exist in Southern cities; however, they have not come to our attention. The committees in Durham and in Alabama are not professionally staffed, and the extent of their effectiveness is also unknown to us. In Atlanta, a 1958 Fulton County Grand Jury recommended the formation of a Citizens Bi-Racial Committee, but it has not been formed.

Voluntary - not official - human relations organizations do exist in a number of Southern cities; they are affiliates of state councils on human relations. Florida's St. Petersburg Council on Human Relations and the Dade County Council on Human Relations are examples.

Please let us know if we may furnish any additional information.

Sincerely yours,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM:a

Enclosures: thermafax copies
as noted in letter

October 13, 1959

Professor Melvin J. Banks
Social Science Division
Bishop College
Marshall, Texas

Dear Professor Banks:

We are mailing you today, separately, some of our publications which we believe will be helpful to you in preparing your dissertation. You may come by our office at your convenience and examine the original data from which our 1958 report on Negro voting was compiled. We did, however, use practically everything we obtained on Texas in the published report.

Attached is some additional information on Texas which we have been compiling and which has not been put into any completed report as yet.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

Mailed separately:

The Negro Voter in the South, 1956	
The Negro and the Ballot in the South, 1958	.40
Intimidation, Reprisal and Violence	.40
Background Report on School Desegregation	.20
New South, September 1959	
New South, October 1959	
(Paid by enclosed check)	$1.00

TEXAS - ACTION SUPPORTING DESEGREGATION

A. Electorate and Public Officials

1. Pleasanton voters approved desegregation of schools at all levels. The referendum, which favored desegregation by 343 to 88, was first to be held under state law requiring voter approval before desegregation of a district's schools. (Sept. 1957)

2. Houston elected Lewis Cutrer, a city councilman, as mayor over the incumbent Oscar Holcombe in an election where Cutrer was charged with offering special inducements to Negroes. (1957)

3. Jim Sticker,of Corpus Christi, a member of Republican state committee, criticized so-called "NAACP" registration bill. Sticker said any NAACP list registered under the law can include his name--that he will join the organization in protest against Texas' new law. (1957)

4. Attorney General Will Wilson declares, "Any legal problem arising from this social conflict will be analyzed on its merits, bearing in mind the oath I have just taken to support and enforce the Constitution of the United States and remembering also that government by law as I understand it means the Constitution as interpreted by the courts." (speech, 1956)

5. The Texas Senate rejected, 14-12, a proposed endorsement of Arkansas's Governor Orval Faubus' stand on racial integration in Little Rock.

B. Organizations

1. Church Centered

   a. 163 Houston clergymen - Protestant, Episcopal, Roman Catholic and Jewish - joined in plea for peaceful desegregation when desegregation begins. (1957)

   b. 20 Texans, most of them Protestant clergymen, organized to support court decisions favoring desegregation. A resolution "to unite for further positive and constructive efforts to maintain a spirit of harmony and cooperation and to oppose all effort...to nullify the Supreme law of the United States and the State of Texas as interpreted by the respective Supreme Courts" was one of the group's first actions. No name was announced for the organization. (Nov. 1956)

   c. The Christian Life Commission of the Baptist General Convention of Texas adopted five-point pledge against racial violence, urging "friendship and consideration for persons of all races with whom a person is associated." (Sept. 1956)

   d. United Church Women of Texas resolved in 1955 and again in 1956 to support Supreme Court ruling.

e. Texas State Council of Methodist Women, meeting in Fort Worth, adopted resolution opposing all efforts to nullify laws as interpreted by the courts. (Dec. 1956)

f. Texas Council of Churches urged repeal of HB5, passed by legislature in 1957, which authorizes county judges to require registration of members of any organization. (March 1958)

g. Other groups (church related) supporting desegregation:
   Council of Churches of Greater Houston
   Ministers Association of Greater Houston
   Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance
   Rabbinical Association of Houston
   United Church Women of Houston
   The Houston Commission on Race Relations (oldest interracial group)

2. Other

a. Texas State CIO Council called on members to cooperate in abolishing discrimination in public schools and agencies. (Dec. 1956)

b. State convention of AFL-CIO voted 301 to 151 in favor of resolution supporting its national board's stand for desegregation. (Aug. 1957)

c. State Young Democrats, by resolution, deplored the legislature's efforts to "evade, ignore and discredit the integration decisions of the Supreme Court." (April 1957)

3. Intergroup Organizations

a. In Houston, the 25 member Biracial School Committee recommended complete integration in Houston schools in 1956; partial integration in a few schools in 1955; and immediate integration at the administrative level and at school employee meetings.

b. The Harris County Council, which represents some 50 Negro groups in Houston, asked U. S. Attorney General Brownell to investigate the Texas Citizens Councils.

c. HABS (Houston Association for Better Schools), group of several hundred persons expected to take constructive but careful action on desegregation.

d. The Houston Community Forum sponsors forum programs in race relations.

e. Other intergroup organizations favoring desegregation:
   G. I. Forum, largely Latin-American membership
   Committee for Peaceful Desegregation, small, interracial and militant
   Houston Council on Human Relations, 75 to 90 members, oriented to
      Southern Regional Council approach
   Houston Commission on Race Relations
   Houston Commission on Interracial Cooperation
   Human Relations Committee of the Houston Council of Churches
   The American Jewish Committee
   The Anti-Defamation League
   The American Freinds Service Committee
   The NAACP

Public School desegregation:

See attached thermafax, from Southern Education Reporting Service

Private and Parochial Schools:

a. Parochial schools in San Antonio have been desegregated. Desegregation in Parochial schools throughout Texas thought to be extensive, since complete desegregation by 1956 had been anticipated by Parochial school officials.

b. Roman Catholic Archdiocese of San Antonio reported that 101 Negroes had been integrated with white students in [illegible] 18 parochial schools of Southwest Texas. (Feb. 1955)

Faculty meetings are integrated at Midland, Wichita Falls, Northside San Antonio, Edinburg, Corpus Christi and Amarillo. In Big Spring, white and Negro teachers "attend pre-school workshops together, eat together at faculty dinners, and participate in Business Education Day together," Supt. Floyd V. Parsons reports.

Student efforts toward desegregation:

a. High school students taking part in a statewide Hi Y Legislature voted for desegregation over a 7-year period. (1955)

b. Baptist Student Union at the University of Texas pledged its efforts to make integration effective "in every phase of our student program."(1956)

c. University of Texas Student Assembly voted 17 to 1 to ask operators of off-campus restaurants and other facilities catering to students to serve Negroes. (Oct. 1958)

Elections and Appointments

1. Negroes serving in public office

Mrs. Charles E. White was elected to Houston School Board in 1958.

First Negro city councilman elected in Port Arthur, Fall 1955.

2. Negroes running for office

Rev. M. T. Banks filed for election to U. S. Senate, Spring 1957.

All Negro candidates in April 1959 elections defeated:

Oran McGregor filed for election to Fort Worth Board of Education. Lost by almost 4 - 1.

Rev. Ceasar Clark filed for election to the Dallas Board of Education.

C. B. Bunkley, Jr., an attorney, filed for election to the Dallas City Council.

Employment

1. Municipal

Some ~~5~~ 50 teaching positions in Negro schools have been eliminated because of desegregation. Reports show three Negroes have been retained to teach in desegregated schools at Hondo, Harlingen and Talfurias.

2. Private

The American Friends Service Committee through its Job Opportunities Project for Minorities reports that a partial list of Dallas firms which have made steps toward hiring Negroes on merit include: Volks Department Store, Zales Jewelers, Machine Products Company, Forney Engineering, Southwestern Medical School, Olan Mills, Texas Instruments, Eureka Products, Chance Vought, Mid-Western Securities, Clary Multiplier Company, Lane Plating, Jewish Welfare Federation, Collins Radio, and almost all of the social welfare and health agencies. (1954-56)

Magnolia Petroleum Company's Beaumont Refinery promoted 32 Negroes from previously all-Negro Labor Department into Process Mechanical Division, previously all-white, April 1956.

Negores are "gradually and without fanfare...gaining status in Dallas unions and industries," according to the Dallas News. Integrated unions at Dallas include the Teamsters and the Carpenters. (1959)

Housing

1. A plan to separate Negro and white sections in a public housing project by a brick wall was approved by the Houston Housing Authority. (Nov. 1956)

2. In Pampa, a private builder established an open occupancy policy for a new subdivision in 1956.

3. In Taylor, a city of 8,000, a public housing project of 70 units was originally constructed with separate areas for Negroes; in March 1956, two Negro families were living in area initially for whites.

4. A 32-unit low rent Crystal City housing project, originally planned exclusively for white tenants, had four units occupied by Negroes, Spring 1956.

5. The University of Texas has had an integrated men's dormitory for several years. White and Negro girls still are segregated.

Public Accommodations

1. The Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit affirmed a district court's holding that a restaurant operated in a county courthouse must serve customers regardless of race or color. (Dec. 1956)

2. San Antonio City Council abolished segregation in all municipal facilities including swimming pools. (1956)

3. Interracial conventions and banquets were held at three of the largest hotels in Dallas. (1954)

4. The auditorium and stadium, as well as cafeterias, at the University of Texas reached varying stages of integration by May 1956; complete integration was planned for September 1956.

5. In Austin, all public facilities have been desegregated since March 1956.

Recreation

1. Colleges

Two University of Texas students were required to sit in a segregated section of the Baylor University Stadium in Waco. University of Texas Student Assembly adopted a resolution urging Baylor "to cease all discrimination against students." November 1958

North Texas State had two Negroes on its varsity football team and two others as freshmen players. (Feb. 1959)

Texas Western College of El Paso had a Negro basketball player. (Feb. 1959)

San Angelo College had a Negro football player. (Feb. 1959)

President Joseph M. Ray of Amarillo College reported its athletics are "fully integrated". (Feb. 1959)

2. Golf Courses and Swimming Pools

Golf courses are desegregated in Houston, Dallas, Fort Worth, San Antonio and Beaumont.

Swimming pools desegregated in Corpus Christi, Beaumont, Tyrell and San Antonio.

October 13, 1959

Professor T. L. Patrick
Department of Education
Newcomb College
Tulane University
New Orleans 18, Louisiana

Dear Professor Patrick:

We are pleased to send you four copies of our pamphlet, If the Schools Are Closed... We appreciate your interest in seeing that it is read by some of your students and members of the local school board.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

Mailed separately:
4 If the Schools Are Closed

P.S. We are enclosing several copies of our L Reports dealing with schools and education; additional copies will be sent upon request.

(L 1 thru 11)

via air mail October 13, 1959

Mrs. Jane Lee Eddy
666 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Jane Lee:

Now that I'm back at my littered desk, this is to confirm Thursday, October 29, for my get-together with you and Stephen Currier and anyone else you-all may wish. Unless I hear from you to the contrary, I will be at the Commodore no later than Wednesday evening, prepared to be at your disposal all day Thursday. Meanwhile, I will be sending you as much as possible of the background information we discussed.

With apologies for combining a personal note with business, dinner with the Eddys was one of the pleasantest interludes I've had in New York for a long time. You and Harrison and Kathy made me feel royally at home, and I could wax sentimental about that dinner. Could you and Harrison find a sitter for Wednesday or Thursday night and have dinner with me -- perhaps at that restaurant with the fountain cum swimming pool? I'll be most pleased if you can.

Janie sends her best and adds her urging that you find an occasion to come South.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

via air mail October 13, 1959

Mr. Stephen Currier
666 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Stephen:

It was fortunate for me -- if not for your schedule -- that I found you and Mrs. Eddy in your office last week. Our conversation was both pleasant and very helpful to me.

I can't thank you enough for "The Music Man" and especially for "Raisin in the Sun," which I thought was a powerful piece of work. Jane(Fleming, that is) adds her thanks for your humanizing influence.

I have written Mrs. Eddy that, barring further word from you, I will be on deck Thursday, October 29. Meanwhile, I will be sending in some background material and will try to get my ideas on the Southern scene in working order.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

__via air mail special__ October 13, 1959

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
The Field Foundation
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Max:

Here are some observations -- less carefully developed than I should wish -- on Dr. Harold Taylor's memorandum.

(1) The proposed summer institutes would undoubtedly benefit the participants and might contribute to important careers. It seems unlikely, however, that a term of six to eight weeks could produce the kind of startling and decisive results that would have major influence on educational practices and social thinking. The deficiencies resulting from years of inferior schooling and cultural impoverishment would, I should think, only begin to be modified in so short a period. Moreover, the amount of talent that could be discovered and nurtured would be severely limited. I wonder whether assistance to the National Service and Scholarship Fund for Negro Students wouldn't be a more economical and effective means of furthering these purposes.

(2) It would be practicable to hold such institutes at Northern colleges and Negro colleges in the South, but I doubt the feasibility of involving white Southern colleges, even those which have begun desegregation. My guess - and one can only guess until it is tried - is that Berea College

and others in the border states would mark the southernmost limits. In any case, it is doubtful that many white Southern students could be recruited, not only because of parental prejudices but also because of fear of community attitudes. The placing of students in Southern homes of the other race would present great difficulties and might well have unpleasant consequences for student and host family alike. Of course, the South-to-North part of the exchange need not involve the same difficulties and would no doubt prove beneficial to all concerned.

(3) If such institutes were held, the inclusion of African students might be desirable. Several border-state colleges found the admission of such students a good way to break the ice for "domestic" desegregation.

(4) It would be helpful for the Experiment in International Living to offer scholarships for Negro students. Not enough ordinary Negro Americans visit other countries. I see no advantage, however, in having the participants study race relations in the country visited; the pursuit of usual academic or cultural interests would contribute much more to "natural" relationships.

(5) Most of what I have said is critical, but I don't want to leave the impression that I think the objectives described by Dr. Taylor are valueless; far from it. The question is how best to achieve them. My own conviction is that the best way to advance race relations (and the elimination of racial differentials) is to concentrate on modifying the general institutions of the society. In the case of education, this would mean building into desegregated schools and colleges programs of instruction that would help Negro students, along with others, to overcome their handicaps. Similarly, whites benefit from an integration experience in a normal, continuing activity far more than in a special, short-lived one. The substance of Dr. Taylor's proposals might be realized more quickly and on a far larger scale through programs designed to stimulate, encourage, and assist these developments within the schools and colleges that are desegregated or will be desegregating within the next few years.

(6) As I believe I mentioned in our conversation, the Phelps-Stokes Fund has been administering a sizeable foundation grant aimed at developing remedial techniques of education and demonstrating the rapidity with which Negroes respond to enriched opportunities. Dillard University and Morehouse College are experimenting with similar "catch-up" programs for pre-freshman students, also supported by substantial grants. If the Field Foundation decides to explore Dr. Taylor's proposals, you might wish to look into these somewhat comparable programs.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 13, 1959

Mr. Ben Muse
Manassas, Virginia

Dear Ben:

I have recently spent several days in New Orleans. A group of some potential hopes to get underway soon with a Public School type of operation. I think it would be quite timely if you could spend some time in New Orleans in the near future. I would suggest that you see some of the following people.

1. Mr. Tims, president of the Times Picayune.
2. George Healy, editor of the Picayune. (A moderate.)
3. Edgar B. Stern, Jr., president of WDSU TV and radio stations, scion of the Stern philanthropic family.
4. William Munroe, on the staff of WDSU. Munroe handles daily editorials for the station. He is a liberal and a member of the organizing Public School Committee.
5. President of the Chamber of Commerce. Darwin Fenner I believe holds this position at present.
6. Col. Riggs, Executive Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. Riggs has no concern or position on this issue, but will respond to most economic arguments.

7. Charles Miller, director of International House. International House is supported by various business firms concerned with foreign trade and is particularly vulnerable to arguments in this area. For instance, International House arranged for the president of Liberia and Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia to be housed in the Roosevelt Hotel.

8. Mayor Morrison.

9. Police Chief. My contacts suggest that you attempt to have Morrison send you to the police chief so that you can talk to him with this entre. The chief is supposedly a competent and intelligent man with a determination to maintain law and order.

10. Isidore Newman, president of Maison Blanche department store. A liberal and one of the world's top business executives.

11. Richard Freeman, prominent business man, chairman of the board of Delta Air Lines, a moderate.. Freeman's sister, Mrs. Keller is a liberal and a member of the Public School Committee. She does not have much influence on her brother.

12. Mrs. Moise Cahn, moderately well-off, socially prominent, active in the old Louisiana Council, CLU, past national chairman of the Council of Jewish Women. The moving spirit in the present public school effort.

13. Mrs. Keller, contact through Mrs. Cahn, sister of Richard Freeman as noted above. Eminently respectable, active in all good causes, independently wealthy.

14. Albert Dent, president of Dillard University.

Sincerely,

Paul Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm
Dictated but not read

October 13, 1959

Mr. Dan Bowers
Executive Director
Virginia Council on Human Relations
216-C Broad-Grace Arcade Building
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Dan:

Thank you for the clippings. It is hard to keep in touch with all developments and this kind of selective news item from time to time is most helpful.

I am glad the board moved on the membership. It seems a reasonable first step.

Let me know when you will be in Atlanta. I hope to make your meeting and would have felt hurt had you not invited me. I got your strong hint on the short speech. Let me assure you this is the kind I most like to deliver.

I hope we can get together soon.

Sincerely,

Paul Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm
Dictated but not read

October 13, 1959

Miss Louise Young
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2001 Division Street
Nashville 4, Tennessee

Dear Louise:

It was good to hear that the executive committee got off to a good start last week. I think the emphasis on membership and finances is an excellent one.

I hope you have a good vacation. You certainly earned it.

You asked me to mention convenient dates in November for working with you. There are none easily spared, unfortunately. This does not mean that I would not try to get to Tennessee if there were a specific need. Could we put it off until early December or the first of the year?

Sincerely,

Paul Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm
Dictated, but not read

October 13, 1959

Mr. James R. Noland
Executive Secretary
The Church Welfare Bureau
Council of Churches of Greater Houston
9 Chelsea Place
Houston 6, Texas

Dear Mr. Noland:

Thank you for your letter concerning Marion Wright's recent trip to Houston. Mr. Wright said that he had enjoyed the experience and hoped it had been helpful. We are glad to have been of some help in your effort there. Let us know if we can be of service in implementing your program for the year.

I regret that you were not in town during my visit to Houston. I look forward to seeing you some time in the future.

Sincerely,

Paul Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm
Dictated, but not read

October 14, 1959

Miss Angela Krause
Heidelberg
Unterer Fauler Tebz 6
Germany

Dear Miss Krause:

We are pleased to send you some materials which will help you with your thesis on "Main Problems of Integration in North America." Our own publications are mainly concerned with the problems in the South, and so we are sending you publications of other groups, too, that include all of the United States.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

Enclosed:
The Southern Negro:
Change and Paradox

Mailed separately:
Race and Conscience in America
New South, September 1959
New South, October 1959
What the Supreme Court Said
Attitudes Toward Desegregation, reprint
Community, March 1959 (Housing, Employment)
The Miracle of Social Adjustment: Desegregation in the Washington D. C. Schools
Mike Wallace interview with James McBride Dabbs

October 14, 1959

Mrs. E. V. Ennis
1536 Holland Avenue
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Ennis:

There is one thing that is disturbing me somewhat and may be you can help out. I never pay the hotel bill nor for meals at the Briarcliff Hotel for Mrs. Wilcox. The Jurisdiction paid these bills. At any rate I do not have the connection with the Briarcliff that I have with the Piedmont so each person will pay her own bill whether I have to pay it or the Jurisdiction.

So far we have only five who say they are coming: Mrs. J. M. Carraway, Mrs. Dewey B. Mullins, Miss Johanna Hoffmeyer, Mrs. Desna P. Armstrong and Mrs. C. V. Beard. Does this coincide with your record?

I want to say that the Hotel is very glad that you are coming and has promised a room for your meeting.

We appreciate very much the outline you sent us of the Norfolk preparation for opening schools. It will be mimeographed so the women of the Fellowship of the Concerned can have it to take home with them. I think it will be very valuable to them.

Plans are shaping up nicely for our workshop. We are bringing Miss Rhoda Jordan, a solo actress from California, Dr. Jerry Walker, pastor of an inter-racial church in Chicago and Dow Kirkpatrick. At Dallas they were the religious interpreters.

I am looking forward to the workshop.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

October 14, 1959

Mrs. C. A. Bender
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Mrs.Bender:

Have you some plans for the workshop? Do you want group chairmen and reporters selected before you come? This can easily be done. I am delighted to let you know a Jewish Rabbi and a Catholic Bishop will be with us part of the time, and that we are bringing Miss Rhoda Jordan and Dr. Jerry Walker here. Miss Jordan will do the thing for us at the close of each session what she did at Dallas. And we will end with the same dramatic presentation that Dow Kirkpatrick, Miss Jordan and Jerry Walker did at Dallas.

As soon as you have an opportunity please let me know about plans for the workshop.

With best wishes to you and a heart full of thanks, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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October 14, 1959

Mr. Milton C. Rose
Secretary
William C. Whitney Foundation
20 Broad Street
New York 5, New York

Dear Mr. Rose:

This is a word of grateful acknowledgment for your letter of October 5, transmitting the Foundation's second and final instalment of its 1959 commitment to the Council. In my absence, the receipt was signed and returned by Mrs. Alexander, our secretary-treasurer.

We will be submitting a year-end report on both program activities and finances. The months since I last saw you have been very significant for the South and unusually productive for the Council. I hope we can convey in our report some notion of the important shifts going on in the region and our efforts to adapt the Council's program to these new emphases.

With appreciation and best personal regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 14, 1959

Mr. Frank S. Loescher
United States-South Africa Leader
Exchange Program
345 East 46th Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Frank:

Arrangements are now complete for the October 27-30 visit of Professor Groenwald.

Dr. Richards would like to have Professor Groenwald use the guest facilities of Columbia Theological Seminary; meals will be available there and a member of the faculty whose interests are similar to Dr. Groenwald's will see to other arrangements. We, in turn, will arrange for visits to Atlanta University and the Negro community as the schedule permits.

Would you let us know when and on what flight we can expect Dr. Groenwald? Someone from the Council will meet him and see that he gets to the Seminary, which is some distance from the airport.

We are today writing Dr. Richards to confirm these arrangements and will send along Dr. Groenwald's biographical data and itinerary.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

, Encls: Birmingham News article 3/3/59 ~~(Registrars in most counties work part time)~~
(Hugh Sparrow Series)
Atl. Journal May 27, 1956
Delta-Democrat Times, Mar. 8, 1956 - "24 White fail Voter Tests."
Washington Post Sept. 19, 1959
"Why Only Whites Vote in Newton" - Bob Baker
Washington Post, 6/8/59 - "Death and Violence Terrorize Negroes of Georgia Town" - Bob Baker

via air mail

October 14, 1959

Dr. Kenneth N. Vines
Department of Political Science
Tulane University
New Orleans 18, Louisiana

Dear Dr. Vines:

There is relatively little documentation on the role of the Southern registrar. However, our research staff has turned up the enclosed clippings as possibly being of some help. In addition, I can suggest the following publications, which may be available in the Tulane library if you do not already have them.

(1) Registration of Voters in Alabama, by Donald S. Strong (Bureau of Public Administration, University of Alabama).

(2) "Recent Restrictions upon Negro Suffrage: The Case of Georgia," by Joseph L. Bernd and Lynwood M. Holland, The Journal of Politics, Vol. 21, 1959.

(3) "Hearings before the United States Commission on Civil Rights, Voting -- Hearings Held in Montgomery, Ala., 1958-59." U. S. Government Printing Office - 509524.

We will look forward to seeing your article.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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October 15, 1959

Mrs. Mable C. Morley
Board Of Women's Work
Presbyterian Church in the United States
341-A Ponce de Leon Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 8, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Morley:

We have checked your list and have invited the persons on the attached list. We have also mailed them the second letter which is enclosed. So far we have not heard from any of them. We would appreciate it if you would follow up with a note to them. I think they understand that they can stay either at the Piedmont Hotel or Atlanta University.

We would appreciate it if you would be a leader of one of the workshop groups.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Enclosures

October 15, 1959

Dr. Walter Kennon
Secretary-Treasurer
Industrial Research Branch
Georgia Institute of Technology
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Kennon:

Will you please send me a program for the November 20-21 meetings of the Southern Economic Association?

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

October 15, 1959

Dr. Geneva Facen
Division of Education
Grambling College
Grambling, Louisiana

Dear Dr. Facen:

Thank you for writing to us regarding your dissertation. While we would be most happy to read it, and hope that we may have the opportunity some day to do so, we would not be able to help you with publication. As you may know, our publications are largely confined to topical pamphlets and reports. We have never undertaken a program of publishing basic research, believing that this is beyond our special responsibilities and competence.

I wish you all success in finding a publisher and if we can be of any further help, please communicate with us.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
(dictated, but not read or signed)

October 15, 1959

Mr. Warren R. Cochrane
General Secretary
The Young Men's Christian Association
22 Butler Street, Northeast
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Cochrane:

I am terribly sorry that I missed my speaking engagement with the Hungry Club on October 14. As I believe Harold Fleming has told you, I have had a recurrance of an old back trouble and I am temporarily out of circulation. There is not much else I can say, except that if you need someone to fill in at a later time, I shall be most happy to make good my commit|ment to you.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
(dictated, but not read or signed)

October 15, 1959

Mr. Benjamin Muse
Box 312
Manassas, Virginia

Dear Mr. Muse:

Mr. Dunbar asked me to send you the enclosed copy of New South, May 1957, and tell you that he thinks the Charles Fairman article contains the best defense of the Brown decision that he has seen.

He has your letter regarding the proposed L report, and will write you about this later.

I am checking on the number of Action Patterns in School Desegregation we have on hand, the distribution of them so far, and also with Paul Rilling and John Constable as to any suggestions or ideas they may have. When I have all information in hand I'll give it to Mr. Dunbar and he will reply. If he is still at home next week, and he probably will be, I will be going out once or twice for dictation and to take him his mail.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

Enclosure:
New South, May 1957

October 15, 1959

Mr. Walter Spearman
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Walter:

Your manuscript was forwarded to me at home, where I lie flat on a disorganized back. I shall get to work on it quickly and move it on to Harold. Our check for the remainder of your fee is enclosed, as well a payment for your expenses. As we pay eight cents per mile, I adjusted the amount in the letter.

Best wishes, and I shallbe in touch with you soon.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:A
(dictated but not signed)

via air mail   October 15, 1959

Mr. Lindsley F. Kimball
The Rockefeller Foundation
49 West 49th Street
New York 20, New York

Dear Mr. Kimball:

Week-after-next I will be in New York briefly, and would be grateful for a chance to talk with you. If you will be free for thirty minutes or so on Wednesday, October 28, that would be most convenient for me. Otherwise, I would be glad to try to fit into your schedule on the 27th or 29th.

I have wanted for some time to discuss with you the South and the work of the Southern Regional Council. Should the dates I have suggested be out of the question, I will try again on a later visit.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 15, 1959

Miss M. Rosella Hill
Burnsville Educational Project
331 College Street
Asheville, North Carolina

Dear Miss Hill:

Paul Rilling is out of town this week, but I did talk to him yesterday afternoon about your letter. He is very much concerned about the Negro students of Yancey County, and will be glad to do whatever he can to help in this situation. He has already sent a memorandum to our cooperating agencies, stating the financial needs, and hopes that this will bring in some of the needed funds.

Paul says he does not know how much help he will be to your group, but he will be happy to meet with you. Monday, October 26, or any Monday is rather difficult for him. Would any time the week of November 3 do? If this is too late, any other day the week of the 26th would be preferable. If none of these dates can be arranged, he would make every effort to be there the 26th. The Southern Regional Council will take care of his expenses for this trip.

Please let us know as soon as possible what date you have been able to set.

Sincerely,

Sarah Miller
Secretary to Paul Rilling

October 15, 1959

Miss Georgene B. Lovecky
John Hay Whitney Foundation
630 - 5th Avenue, Room 3461
New York, New York

Dear Miss Lovecky:

We are now getting ready for the Southwide workshop of The Fellowship of the Concerned to be held November 5 and 6, at Kresge Hall, Clark College. You know year after year, we hoped you might be with us, but you could never come. If you could come this year you would give us all a chance to thank you for being our go between through the years.

Now I have a request. Please let me know who is now responsible for the funds from the Whitney Foundation so we may invite him to be with us.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

October 15, 1959

Dr. F. D. Patterson
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Dr. Patterson:

The Fellowship of the Concerned will have its annual Workshop November 5 and 6, at Kresge Hall, Clark College. We have been unusually successful in getting help.

Some of the leaders will be Miss Eleanor French from the United Church Women, Mrs. Margaret Bender from the Methodist National Board, Dr. Lewis Deer of the Disciples of Christ, Mr. Irving Ferman from The President's Committee on Government Contracts and Miss Rhoda Jordan a solo actress from Los Angeles.

It will be a privilege to have you and Mr. Dillon. If both can't come please one of you. Come and look in on us and help us find a way out of the dilemma in which the South is involved right now.

Without the help of the Phelps-Stokes Fund we could not have such a meeting as this nor the state meetings such as we have had in Tennessee just last week and in Florida in a few weeks, etc. We are very grateful for all of this.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

October 15, 1959

Mr. Wilton S. Dillon
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

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Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

October 15, 1959

Mrs. Leopold Fleischaker
2348 Saratoga Drive
Louisville 5, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Fleischaker:

We have been informed by Mrs. Aaron Farr that you are now President of the National Council of Jewish Women of the Southern Interstate Region. Attached is a list of the women from your organization that have been invited to attend the workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned to be at Kresge Hall, Clark College, November 5 and 6.

It occurs to us that these names are officers and if so and if they accept the invitation, you might want to meet with them. If so all of you could be placed at the Piedmont Hotel.

I think you know that we have funds to take care of your travel and expenses.

We would appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

October 15, 1959

Mrs. David Allen
Scarritt College
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Frances:

We are delighted that you two are going to be with us. A royal welcome awaits you from all of us: Mildred, Lu, Ruth, John and myself. We will have the welcome bell ready to ring when you come.

You were late writing to us so now I want David to lead one of the workshop groups for us and if you wish you can be a reporter for his session, or if you prefer to be a reporter in another workshop let us know. At any rate, you know we want you here.

Ruth reminded me to tell you that your expenses will be paid. We will put you up at Atlanta University.

We are anxiously waiting to see both of you. Don't you fail us.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

via air mail October 15, 1959

Mrs. Marion Ascoli
20 Gramercy Park, South
New York 2, New York

Dear Mrs. Ascoli:

Since talking with you, I have definitely planned a return visit to New York Wednesday, October 28. If you will have any free time that day, I'll be grateful for a chance to see youu. I have written for one other appointment but otherwise will have no fixed commitments.

My thanks and best personal regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 16, 1959

Dr. Clement Eaton
University of Kentucky
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Eaton:

Final arrangements have been made for the conference in Williamsburg, about which you and Mr. James M. Dabbs have been corresponding.

The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. on October 21st in a conference room arranged at Williamsburg for that purpose. Thereafter, the conference will run through the afternoon of the 22nd with the participants arranging the hours and duration of the meetings.

We suggest that you plan to arrive in Williamsburg on the 20th. With this in mind a reservation has been made for you for the nights of the 20th and 21st. If you find that you need to remain over on the night of the 22nd, please let me know and an effort will be made to secure a reservation for you.

I assume that Williamsburg will let us know shortly of the specific location of your accommodations and we will pass this w ord on to you as soon as possible.

If you plan to fly, it is likely that you will find Norfolk or Newport News to be the most convenient airports where car rentals and bus services are available.

All Williamsburg expenses will be billed directly to the Council. And, the Council will, of course, be responsible for expenses you incur. If a travel advance would be helpful, please let us know.

If there are other matters with which we can be of help, please feel free to call on us.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

October 16, 1959

Miss Mamie Cavell
4286 Parkside Avenue
Philadelphia 4, Pa.

Dear Miss Cavell:

We are sending you some materials which we believe will be helpful to you in your research on the role of churches in the segregation-integration crisis.

Enclosed you will find: 1) list of ministers losing their pastorates because of their public stand on desegregation (1954-59) 2) thermafax copies of "Segregation in the Churches" by Wesley Shrader, D.D., from Esquire, May 1958; and "A Responsible Race Relations Program" by Chester L. Marcus and Galen R. Weaver, from Advance (Congregational Christian), February 14, 1958.

We suggest that you read the following at your library: series of articles by John Wicklein which ran in the New York Times on July 5, 6, 7 and 8, 1959 on the general subject of churches in the south; article by Ralph McGill which ran in the magazine of the New York Times on September 27, 1959, "The Agony of the Southern Minister"; chapter two of The Southern Temper, by William Peters, which tells of the quiet but effective work of the southern churchwomen; the March 3, 1958 issue of Christianity and Crisis.

The only demonimational survey or study that we know of is that of the Congregational Christian Churches: Fellowship for Whom?, a report by the Race Relations Department which can be ordered from Fisk University, Nashville 8, Tenn. An account of this report was published in the New York Times on January 5, 1959, and this may be all the information you will need.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

Mailed separately:
Religious Bodies and the
Supreme Court, Special Report 1957
New South, April 1957, February, June, December, 1958

Ministers statements

October 16, 1959

Dr. Harrison McMains
702 E. Densley Drive
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. McMains:

The Fellowship of the Concerned of Southern Regional Council is having its annual workshop at Kresge Hall, Clark College, November 5 and 6. One of our main leaders is Dr. Lewis Deer of your church. While he will be with us all day, he really gives his main speech on the evening of November 5. If possible for you, I would like very much to have you introduce him to the group.

This is an invitation to you to be with us throughout the sessions, commencing at 10:30 on the 5th running through noon of the 6th. Lunch will be served both days and dinner on the evening of the 5th, all at Clark.

Through all the years you have been such a help to me that it is a heart warming experience to call your name or to think of you. For all of this I thank you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

October 16, 1959

Mrs. John W. Curry
163 S Coit Street
Florence, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Curry:

When we received your list, in some way, invitations were mailed to the persons in the first column and the second column was considered substitutes if the first persons invited could not attend. However, only two of your ~~chairmen~~ presidents have replied and we have now mailed invitations to the secretaries. If you want to write your secretaries and urge them to attend, I think it would be well.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

October 16, 1959

Mr. James E. Burns, Co-editor
COMMUNITY
Friendship House
4233 South Indiana Avenue
Chicago 15, Illinois

Dear Mr. Burns:

Thank you for your letter of October 14. Of course, you may reprint the Chronology; and you may reprint any other material in NEW SOUTH which is original with NEW SOUTH. That is, if we are reprinting something from another publication, you will, of course, have to ask their permission yourself for reprint privileges.

Yes we do see your publication and enjoy it.

With very best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

October 16, 1959

Miss Kathie Wilson
Pearsons Hall
Mount Holyoke
South Hadley, Mass.

Dear Miss Wilson:

Mr. Dunbar is away from the office this week, and your letter of October 9 was, therefore, referred to me.

I am enclosing a copy of an excerpt from the Report of the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights which may be of interest to you in your research on the tendency among some Negroes toward self-segregation and the maintenance of segregation in education. Our reference library contains no other materials on this subject which are suitable for mailing. However, I would like to recommend several reference sources which are probably available to you in your local or college library:

1. Patterns of Negro Segregation, by Charles S. Johnson, Harper and Brothers, Chapter XIII, "Avoidance," pp 267-293. (An excellent discussion of the socio-psychological rationale of such a tendency.)

2. An American Dilemma, by Gunnar Myrdal, Harper and Brothers, Chapter 38, "Negro Popular Theories," section 8-12, pp. 794-807. (Historical notes, reflections on outcome of "self-segregation" as a mass movement; also a very interesting countervailing consideration: Myrdal describes it as the Negro belief in the American Creed.)

3. Racial and Cultural Minorities (Revised Edition), by Simpson and Yinger, Harper and Brothers, Chapter 7, "Types of Adjustment to Prejudice and Discrimination", pp. 231-239. (Again, from the sociologists' point of perspective).

I am sorry that we do not have more printed material to mail you. I hope that you will find the above references in your library.

Sincerely yours,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM:a

Enclosure: thermafax excerpt

October 16, 1959

Mr. Jesse Hill
Atlanta Life Insurance Company
148 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Hill:

Somewhat as an outgrowth of the question and answer period of the meeting of the Hungry Club on the 14th, I am interested in making a proposal to our research department that we consider doing something of a manpower, economic usage and potential, study of the Negro community of Atlanta.

Naturally we cannot make an exhaustive study, though we would like to think of any study we did as (1) having value to local leaders concerned with these areas, and (2) having value to the region well beyond Atlanta's immediate needs.

In general terms we already know, of course, the present patterns of employment of Negroes in federal and private areas. And, while we might document these patterns to some degree, my thinking at this moment is that we need more to determine the potential - immediate and long-range - of available manpower. I would even hope that determining this potential would give us some indication of immediate remedial measures.

Knowing of your interest and experience in this area it would be helpful to me in preparing this proposal to have your thinking on the need for such a study, the type of study, and any other points which you think would be helpful.

I am making this same request of Whitney Young.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/sm

October 16, 1959

Dr. Whitney Young
School of Social Work
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

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I am making this same request of Jesse Hill.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/sm

October 16, 1959

Mr. Edwyn E. Lewis
700 S. W. 11th Avenue
Miami 36, Florida

Dear Ed:

Thanks for the copy of your letter to Bill. Think it good that you did this.

As matters now stand, Paul Rilling - who will be in Washington at the time - will speak to Bill on Monday, without any recommendations but merely raising the question of whether or not conditions might not call for a change in the original plans. He is of the opinion, however, that the decision is Bill's as indeed it must be in the final analysis.

Quite frankly I'm thoroughly confused over the whole matter -- especially as to what role I can and should play in all this. The flesh is willing, but the spirit is becoming very weak!.

Keep me informed.

Best,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

Encl. EFVia ltr. to Arnold S. Zander, Dec. 4, 1957

October 16, 1959

Mr. Jerry Wurf
AFSCME
22 Elk Street
New York 7, New York

Dear Jerry:

The letter to Brother Zander from our then man Via is older than I had thought -- but, true to my word, here it is. Maybe you can find a few chuckles in it.

I congratulate myself on having hooked onto you and La Kiefer Saturday night; otherwise, I might have died of boredom on the boredwalk, or at the FEP "party." I'll agree to discount your distraught comments by eighty per cent if you'll do the same for me. We are, seriously, warmly disposed toward JLC and I look forward to closer communion with Manny and his prospective Southern contingent.

Come South; I dare you.

Best,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

October 16, 1959

Professor Emmett E. Dorsey
Chairman
Department of Government
Howard University
Washington 1, D. C.

Dear Professor Dorsey:

We are pleased to send you a copy of The Negro and the Ballot in the South, 1958, as you requested. There is no charge; additional copies may be ordered at the rate of .40 each.

Your name is being added to our mailing list to receive all subsequent research publications.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

Mailed separately:
The Negro and the Ballot

October 16, 1959

Mr. Benjamin Muse
Manassas,
Virginia

Dear Mr. Muse:

Last week, while in New York, Harold received requests for 150 copies of the Lightsey report from:

Mr. George K. Hunton
Catholic Interracial Council
20 Vesey Street
New York, New York
(25 copies)

and

Mr. Harry Fleischman
National Labor Service
165 E. 56th Street
New York 22, New York
(125 copies)

If you have this number of copies available, or portions thereof, would you send them on? Labels are enclosed for that purpose.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures - 2.

October 16, 1959

Mr. Lee B. Thomas, Jr.
203 Marshall Drive
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Thomas:

We are pleased to learn that you plan to attend the Annual Meeting on November 11. Shortly, you will receive the details of the meeting along with other materials which would fit the "homework" category. However, the meeting will be held at Atlanta University; running from perhaps 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. On the evening before, there will be an informal dinner at Atlanta University for those members who have arrived by that time.

We will be happy to make reservations for overnight accommodations for you at Atlanta University or at a downtown hotel. If you plan to fly, and arrive in Atlanta on the afternoon of the 10th, you will likely find a downtown hotel more convenient.

The members will have two major functions at the meeting. First, to review the work of the staff during the past year and to approve of programs, budgets, and other matters for the coming year. Incidentally, you will find that the body goes into some detail and takes these responsibilities quite seriously. Secondly, it holds such discussions, expresses such opinions, and issues such statements as the group of concerned Southerners feels is called for.

I believe you will find the meeting quite worthwhile. And, we look forward to seeing you then.

In the meantime, if we can help you with reservations or otherwise be of assistance in your stay here, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

October 16, 1959

Dr. Lynette Saine
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Saine:

We are so delighted that you have accepted our invitation to speak to the Fellowship of the Concerned of Southen Regional Council at Kresge Hall, Clark College, November 5, at the morning session. We wish you will give us just the same talk you gave at Glenn Memorial Church. It is exactly what we need to hear.

We hope you can be with us the whole time. The workshop will run through the next day with lunch both days and dinner the night of the 5th right there at Clark.

Thanking you, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

October 19, 1959

Dr. J. McDowell Richards, President
Columbia Theological Seminary
Decatur, Georgia

Dear Dr. Richards:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation of last week, enclosed is the information you requested on Dr. E. P. Groenewald.

We have written Frank Loescher, director of the United States - South Africa Leader Exchange Program, that Dr. Groenewald is to be a guest on the campus of Columbia Seminary while here. I or someone from this office will arrange to meet Dr. Groenewald at the airport and bring him out to the campus. We will also be responsible for any programming with Atlanta University or other activities which Dr. Groenewald may wish.

Dr. Groenewald is to arrive on the 27th and depart on the 30th. We will inform you of the specific times as soon as we learn them.

Please know that we are very grateful for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/sm
Enc.

October 19, 1959

Mr. Milton N. Ward, Jr.
Livingstone College
Salisbury, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Ward:

Your letter dated October 17 was evidently intended for the Southern Regional Education Board, 130 Sixth Street, N. W., Atlanta.

We have forwarded your letter to that agency and trust they will advise you regarding the opportunities in which you are interested.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 19, 1959

Mrs. Joe R. Brewer, Chairman
Women's Emergency Committee
to Open Our Schools
P. O. Box 3244
Forest Heights Station
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Brewer:

We are sending you five copies of the Report L-11, which we did from your Little Rock Report. We hope you approve of it. If you would like more copies, we will be pleased to send them to you.

The L reports are mailed out to businessmen, school officials, chambers of commerce etc. on a selected mailing list. The response to these reports has been good.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Mailed separately:
5 - L-11

October 19, 1959

Mrs. John Emerson Lewis
300 Garden Road
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Lewis:

We are delighted that you can be with us. I have called the airlines and you will have to arrive on November 4.

Bishop Hylan of this Diocesan will be with us on November 6. I will make reservation for you at Atlanta University, or if you prefer at the Piedmont Hotel and use taxis to bring you to and from.

We are expecting Mrs. H. F. Stahel of Greenwood, Mississippi to be with us. She is from your Natchez-Jackson Diocesan.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/bcc

October 19, 1959

Miss Carol Wagenseil
2332 Woodland Avenue
Wantagh, New York

Dear Miss Wagenseil:

We are mailing you, under separate cover, some material which might be helpful to your class. There is no charge for the material.

Enclosed is a copy of a film bibliography with information on how to obtain the films. I would suggest "Face of the South" and "A City Decides" for your class.

If we can be of additional aid, please let us know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/bcc
Encl.

October 19, 1959

Mrs. H. F. Stahel
315 W. Jefferson Street
Greenwood, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Stahel:

Mrs. Dalzell have written that there is a possibility of you coming to the Workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned. I am enclosing the sheet that will give you much of the information you desire.

Enclosed also is some information about the Southern Regional Council and The Fellowship of the Concerned which is one ot its programs. The membership is inter-racial and interfaith. Bishop O' Hara was one of its organizers and its first president was Mr. Paul Williams, a Catholic layman of Virginia. Your Bishop of this Diocesan will be with us in the Workshop on the 6th.

All expense you incur in travel and your hotel bill will be paid. You may come by plane or train. If you cannot attend, we hope someone from your Council will come and of course her expense will also be paid.

I tried to phone and found you were teaching today.

Let me know if you wish reservation made for you either at the Piedmont Hotel or Atlanta University. Mrs. John Emerson Lewis of the Covington Diocesan of Kentucky will be with us. She writes that she will be in Jackson, Mississippi about November 1 and will fly here from there.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/bcc
Encl.
Copy to: Mrs. Mabel G. Dalzell
136 Benachi Avenue
Biloxi, Mississippi

SOME OBSERVATIONS ON FOUNDATION GIVING IN THE FIELD OF RACE RELATIONS

October 19, 1959

Harold C. Fleming

Any comments on this subject must begin with the statement that not enough foundations are active in the area of race relations. The big foundations -- Ford, Carnegie, the Rockefeller Foundation -- have shunned direct efforts in this field like the plague.

One occasionally gets the impression that these and a good many other philanthropies would like to find some "non-controversial" programs worthy of their assistance. In a few rare cases, they have subsidized neutral academic research or "factual, objective" publications -- useful as far as they go, but palliative at best in their effects. In view of the fact that race relations are our most critical domestic issue, this can only be described as a major forfeiture of national responsibility.

This is not merely ill-tempered criticism; it has practical implications. The fact that there are so few foundations and large contributors in the field attaches special importance to the ways in which these relatively limited funds are dispensed. Following are a few points from a grantee point-of-view on prevalent foundation attitudes and procedures.

There is an almost universal preference for special projects as opposed to general support. This type of giving has some very valid uses -- e.g., when the grantee organization's general budget is endowed or subsidized; when the organization's normal operations are so safe and respectable as to qualify for conservative support, and a special grant may induce it to invest some of its respectability in a race relations project; in very rare cases, when the foundation has little confidence that its funds would be wisely used for central purposes, but feels that a particular project under specified direction would be worthwhile.

Aside from such special situations, however, the prohibition on general support is liable to be self-defeating. From first-hand observation, I can testify that the project grant often makes for dilution and distortion of program. Any organization -- and particularly a race relations agency -- should be flexible and alert to opportunity, prepared at any time to modify its strategy and program in the light of new developments. An organization impoverished in central budget and burdened with special project commitments does not have this kind of maneuverability. With the best will in the world, it must shape its program to fit the pattern of its resources rather than the shifting realities of the situation.

There are other arguments for general support. An organization that is impoverished at the center cannot give the kind of supervision and administrative support that a special project should have. Some, in desperation, will carve up into separate "projects" functions that should be parts of a well-coordinated central operation. A few will succumb to the temptation to divert project funds into the central till by various subterfuges. The honest and courageous grantee will, of course, refuse to engage in such practices. But if he is to stay in business very long, he must depend on intelligent and practical philanthropy to make it possible.

The acid test of any program is the permanent mark it leaves on our national life. Obvious as this point may be, it is not always observed in foundation circles -- partly, I believe, because of the over-valuation of the project. A project, by its nature, is expected to be neat and self-contained -- an end in itself. This militates toward workshops, institutes, conferences, "pilot" efforts, and academic studies.

By contrast, the most effective efforts are those aimed at building values and practices into the general institutions of the society. Creating special, temporary situations outside the mainstream may stimulate some lasting changes. But too often their effects die with them. Far better to contribute to the desegregation of one school than to stage a dozen interracial summer institutes.

There are certain indispensable conditions for general support. The main one is that the grantee have the confidence of the grantor. Any organization requesting general support should be willing to undergo the most searching scrutiny and investigation -- just as the foundation has a responsibility to apply them. Once an organization has been put through the hoops, been checked on and tested, it should be able to expect a measure of faith on the part of the foundation. No agency in as complicated a field as race relations can steadily produce convincing evidence that its work is having clearly effective results. For considerable periods, a given effort must be carried on mainly in hope and anxious expectation. The donor, fortified by confidence in the organization and its past performance, should be willing to share in the calculated risk.

Another common foundation predilection is that for new activities, preferably those which nobody has ever done before. In moderation, this attitude can serve as a stimulus to fruitful experiment and innovation. Carried too far, it can cause waste of funds and starvation of existing efforts that are just reaching the stage of greatest return. For both the practitioner and the philanthropist, there is often an aura of excitement and "glamor" about a brand-new approach. For this very reason, it should be viewed with an extra-critical eye. The risk of failure is greatest in the case of the untried method. This would be a curmudgeonish argument if plenty of funds were available; but there is little "risk capital" around for race relations.

Aside from the safeness of the known, there may be virtues in an existing program that are likely to be neglected. Timing is all-important in this field. Again and again, I have seen a program approach yield only modest results, then suddenly multiply in effectiveness because the situation has become ripe for it. I will resist the temptation to prolong this essay with concrete examples. But the Southern Regional Council itself offers some good instances of programs that paid off because good instinct or pure doggedness kept them going through periods of only moderate return.

There is the added fact that, like organizations themselves, particular programs accrue reputation and skill over a period of time. Support of an ongoing program may be the best possible investment if it buys accumulated good will and experience that assure effectiveness.

Finally, basic to everything I have said is the old truism that essentially one invests in people. A wise foundation will spend as much time and effort in assessing key personnel as in assessing program proposals. There is a slight, but encouraging, trend toward more interaction between Southern race-relationists and foundation persons. A conscious effort to increase it would benefit everyone concerned.

via air mail October 20, 1959

Mrs. Jane Lee Eddy
Taconic Foundation
666 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Jane Lee:

Here is my effort to set down some thoughts on foundation giving in our field, as you requested. I have tried to be candid and may have succeeded too well in displaying my unabashedly partisan point-of-view. In any case, I am enclosing two copies, so that you can pass one along to Stephen Currier if you think it is worthy.

A two-page summary report with various enclosures is going forward to you and Stephen Currier today.

I am looking forward to seeing you on the 29th and will hope that the sitter problem works out.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 2.

October 19, 1959

Mrs. Mary Williamson
Gammon Theological Seminary
9 McDonough Boulevard S. E.
Atlanta 15, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Williamson:

The Workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned will be at Clark College on November 5 -6 beginning at ten o'clock for registration on the 5th and running through lunch on the 6th.

Please let us know if you will attend so that we may count you in for lunches.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/bcc

October 20, 1959

Mr. L. Francis Griffin, President
Prince Edward County Christian Asso'n
309 Franklin Street
Farmville, Virginia

Dear Mr. Griffin:

We are pleased to mail you, separately, 25 copies of "Race and Intelligence" and "If the Schools Are Closed", our L reports 8 and 8-A, as you requested.

Because of your interest in schools, we are taking the liberty of enclosing, with the above, one copy each of our L-9, L-10 and L-11 reports, and a copy of the the Green-Gauerke pamphlet from which L-8A was condensed. If you would like any of these, the L Reports are without cost; the pamphlet is without cost for one copy, and is 25 cents each for additional copies.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

Mailed separately
25 - L-8
25 - L-8A
1 - L-9
1 - L-10
1 - L-11
1 - If the Schools Are Closed

October 20, 1959

Professor James E. Greene, Chairman
Division of Graduate Studies
College of Education
The University of Georgia
Athens, Georgia

Dear Professor Greene:

I should have answered your letter of September 29 before now. A recent illness has prevented me from doing so, but also I took some time to have our files checked fairly thoroughly. The outcome is, unfortunately, that I don't think we can be of any help. w With the specific categories of information that you mention, or with specific data in this field generally, we have relied upon, as our office authority for data on private education, the paper bound book which the Department of Health, Education and Welfare issued last year, The State and Nonpublic Schools, which so far as I know has more statistical data than any other source - although it certainly doesn't answer all the questions that you need information on.

My only other suggestion is that you write Professor Donald R. Green of the Teachers Education Division at Emory. I know that Donald compiled a bibliography at the time he and Warren Gauerke were writing the pamphlet for us on private schools.

Sincerely yours,

LWD:a

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

P.S. No help to your research, but the enclosed editorial from the Virginian Pilot seems to me so good that I thought you might like to read it.

October 20, 1959

Mr. Howard W. Rogerson
Commission on Civil Rights
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rogerson:

Mr. Fleming has asked me to acknowledge your letter of October 8 and to tell you that we shall be replying more fully as soon as we can complete a careful consideration of it. Frankly, I don't think that we shall be able to offer much. I am assuming that there is no need for us to inform you about materials which are generally known and which you undoubtedly will consult. We are trying to assemble more fugitive materials or unpublished ones which we happen to know of.

Now that Jack Greenberg's book, Race Relations and American Law is out, it would seem to me that it, with its many citations, would be the starting point for a thorough look into the published materials.

You shall be hearing from us again within a short time.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

via air mail October 20, 1959

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
The Field Foundation
250 Park Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Max:

Here is our request for further assistance from the Field Foundation, with various supporting enclosures.

Please let me know if further information or exhibits on any point would be useful, or if you would like us to supply additional copies of the documents.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures:
- Report of the Executive Director...
- Proposed Budget for 1960
- Current Lists of Board and Staff Members
- Semi-Annual Audit
  - (Note: An audited financial statement for the full year 1959 will be sent early in 1960)

APPLICATION TO THE FIELD FOUNDATION FROM THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

October 20, 1959

The past year has been one of the most productive and satisfying in the Southern Regional Council's history. The new opportunities that have begun to appear in the South, and the Council's program efforts to meet them, are summarized in the enclosed report. For the staff skills and financial resources we have been able to supply, we are deeply indebted to the Field Foundation. Without the Foundation's unrestricted grant for 1959, our account of the year's work would be a far less positive one.

On the basis of this performance and the Council's potential contribution to Southern race relations in the period ahead, we ask the Field Foundation to consider a three-year grant of $25,000 per year in general support of the Council's program.

The attached program report and the materials sent during the past year make it unnecessary to review the work of the Council here. We should like to point up briefly, however, our reasons for hoping that the Foundation will find this request justified:

(1) Although our current and recent projects have contributed substantially to program effectiveness, the most important and basic work must depend on the central operating budget. The quality of the Council's performance cannot exceed the skill and experience of its staff. Nor can projects, however useful, yield fruitful results without adequate

supervision and administrative control.

(2) Central activities are still the backbone of the Council's program, and will continue to be. One of the most important is our work with the press, which reached unprecedented proportions in 1959; here is an opportunity, limited only by staff time and initiative, to increase public understanding of racial problems and paths to solution. Other central functions include our services to government agencies, coordination of the Southern efforts of religious and intergroup organizations, program and financial aid to state and local councils on human relations, quiet guidance and assistance to the new citizens' movements concerned with preserving public schools, counsel and aid in a host of community situations.

(3) The requested grant for 1960, 1961, and 1962 would give the Council much of the financial stability it needs in order to plan soundly for the next phase of the transition to a desegregated South. As we have pointed out in our program report, the breaching of the "hard-core" states may well provide the severest test yet of law and order. But, in a way even more critical, there is danger that the bare acceptance of legal desegregation in the rest of the South will lull national leadership into a state of unjustified complacency. If the legal gains are truly to enlarge democracy, a great deal of patient, undramatic work is going to have to be done in areas of "token" integration. The legal breakthrough is

really only the beginning of the process. Assured of basic financial support for a multiple-year period, the Council can address itself with far greater effectiveness to this uncolorful but essential work.

(4) The proposed 1960 budget and financial projections enclosed show the dimensions of the Council's fund-raising task. In order to meet minimum needs for 1960 general operations, we must raise from sources not now committed $56,275. The task for 1961 will be substantially greater, since the terminal grant from the Fund for the Republic will be exhausted during 1960.

As we have had many occasions to remark, the Field Foundation deserves the gratitude of all thoughtful people for its readiness to assist direct programs in the sensitive area of race relations. The Foundation's continued support of the Southern Regional Council will mean not only essential financial aid, but a highly valued vote of confidence as well.

October 21, 1959

VIA AIR MAIL

Dr. Rufus B. Atwood
Kentucky Council on Human Relations
P. O. Box 338
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Atwood:

I am looking forward to attending your annual meeting this Saturday. I have made plans to fly to Louisville Saturday morning and will drive over to Frankfort with Dr. Parrish and the others. I will need transportation to Lexington Saturday to meet my plane connection at 6:24 p.m.

I am mildly upset to notice that I am down for "remarks" on the program. If this means anything other than informal and extempore comments, do let me know. I will not assume that this is any kind of prepared speech unless you so indicate.

Sincerely,

Paul Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

October 21, 1959

Mr. Victor D. Starlard
439 South Washington Avenue
Fayetteville, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Starlard:

I am most happy to hear of your plans for a doctoral dissertation on Negro voting in Arkansas. We are always glad when academic research is undertaken in this field, which has been a long and continuing interest to the Council. I hope that we may hear from you from time to time and that you will call upon us whenever we may be of assistance.

We are sending under separate cover copies of our 1956 and 1958 voting surveys. In connection with the earlier one, a great deal of statistical data was assembled. Generally it consisted of associations between Negro voting and various social and economic factors derived from 1950 census data. These statistics were never published and have stayed in our files ever since. They are on 3 x 5 cards and this obviously makes it rather difficult to lend them. If you would be interested in consulting them, the ideal arrangement would be, of course, for you to come to Atlanta sometime during your study. If this is out of the question, please let me know and perhaps something else can be worked out. We have in our files also a report on the Negro franchise in Arkansas prepared in connection with the 1956 survey. It is a good job and I am hoping we can find some way to make it available to you.

Please let me know how we may be of help to you.

Sincerely yours,

Blind copy: Matthews, N.C.

LWD:a

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

Mailed separately:
The Negro Voter in the South, 1956
The Negro and the Ballot in the South, 1958

October 21, 1959

Mr. Maynard Bemis
Executive Secretary
Phi Delta Kappa
Eighth and Union
Bloomington, Indiana

Dear Mr. Bemis:

One of our staff members who works in the field and is continually meeting school superintendents throughout the South has reported several times that some superintendents do not have copies of your Action Patterns in School Desegregation, and that most school board members whom he meets do not know of the book. Considering the number of school districts that there are in the South, this would seem to me altogether understandable.

The book is so useful, however, that we would like to see it have even wider attention than it has received. If you would regard it as worthwhile, we would be willing to distribute copies of it to southern school superintendents. We have a mailing list of roughly 500 superintendents. You might not care to invest this many copies (assuming you have them still available); also you may have distributed copies yourselves to superintendents in some categories of school districts. We would, however, like to offer our help in distributing them to these people, if you would be interested. If you preferred, of course, we could give you our list, although I expect their names are readily available to you.

School board members present another problem. Generally, we just assume that the way to reach them is through the superintendents.

Incidentally, of the shipment of Action Patterns which you sent to us in March we have placed all but 40. We are very grateful to you for the assistance this has been to us in our field work.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Blind copy: Ben Muse

October 21, 1959

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Paul:

Thanks for your wire at the time of the Executive Committee meeting, and for your recent note. I wish you could have been with us; the meeting went well.

The Annual Meeting will be at Atlanta University on November 11. Paul Anthony of the staff will be sending further details. I will hope to see you than. Meanwhile, my very best, as always.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
(Signed in Mr. Fleming's absence.)

Clip passed on to John Constable

October 21, 1959

Miss Dorothy E. Hampton
c/o United Church
Hillsboro & Dawson Streets
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Dorothy:

Thanks for the Raleigh Times clip. It's a a fine editorial, though the issue it is commenting on is apparently a dead duck for the time-being. The next time it comes up -- and it will -- maybe we can use a quote.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
(Signed in Mr. Fleming's absence.)

October 21, 1959

Mr. Cornelius Tarplee
P. O. Box 853
Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Neil:

Many thanks for sharing the confidential matter enclosed. I agree with you that little can be done to counter this kind of reasoning. The important thing, I should think, is for Dr. Pepper to have as good an understanding as possible of such complaints.

Any of those Yankees want to study violence up there, it's all right by me.

Yours for noisier desperation,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 5.
(confidential corresp. between Bishop Cole of S.C., and Dr. Pepper, National Council Protestant Episcy Church.
Re: Violence Report)

October 21, 1959

Mr. Emory F. Via
Lecturer, School for Workers
University of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Emory:

Your letter about the November conferences has arrived just as I am about to emplane for Williamsburg. So I am passing it along to John Constable for appropriate action.

We're glad to have a chance to put our stuff before the august companies you will be assembling. Sorry as I am not to have another boondoggling trip to Wisconsin, it's just as well. The Fall fund-raising spree, on top of normal activity, has me fed up with travel, words, and most people other than easy familiars.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

via air mail special October 21, 1959

Mr. Thomas W. Young
Journal and Guide
719 East Olney Road
Norfolk 1, Virginia

Dear Tom:

Thanks for your letter of October 15 and the enclosures.

Before sending out the memorandum on Paul Williams to members of the Nominating Committee, I feel I should raise a question about the fairness of presenting only the adverse comments of one member. This would be all right if we were sure that all the committee members knew the background -- namely, that Paul Williams was president of SRC during six of the leanest and most critical years. He as much as anybody deserves credit for the fact that SRC survived, giving great stretches of his time to fund-raising and organizational activities, to the detriment of his business. It may be sentimental of me, but I do feel that this history should be taken into account before dropping him completely from the rolls of the organizations.

Of course, I will comply promptly and cheerfully with the Committee's considered judgment, but I did feel it necessary to register this reservation about how the question is presented.

As soon as we get your reply, we will proceed as you direct.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
(Signed in Mr. Fleming's absence.)

via air mail October 21, 1959

Mrs. Dorothy Mitchell
Administrative Assistant
The Fund for the Advancement of
Education
477 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Dorothy:

Great news! Welcome to the ranks -- and heaven help you more than it's helped me.

We'd be delighted to receive a gift of several hundred of the new paperbacks. The distribution you describe won't conflict with our normal constituency, and we'll take care not to duplicate.

The Louisville Story is still a very useful piece, but we still have an adequate supply. But I'd like to raise a question about distribution of Action Patterns. We have a roving counsellor to community leaders -- Benjamin Muse of Virginia -- who sees, among others, school superintendents and school board members. He just wrote that he was disturbed to find how few of these people had seen, or even knew about, Action Patterns. I don't know what Phi Delta Kappa's distribution of it has been, but this suggests something further is needed. Our research director, I think, is writing the fraternity, but I thought I should mention it. If for any reason the distribution presents problems, we could help with it.

Hope to see you and John S. soon. Meanwhile, all my best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

(marked personal)

via air mail October 21, 1959

Mr. Robert L. Baker
Washington Post and Times-Herald
1515 "L" Street, N. W.
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Bob:

We were stunned -- not to say dismayed -- by the word of your sudden jump overseas. I'm sure it's a good deal for you, but it ain't for us reality creepers down here.

You know, I'm sure, that we had come to regard you as a member of the family and were looking forward to closer communion. So we will just have to wait two years. If my past experience is any guide, the problems will have gotten more rather than less complex.

We'll be watching out for Elsie Carper and will show her all the courtesies of the shop.

The very best to you and your family in what is bound to be a fascinating tour of duty.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
(Signed in Mr. Fleming's absence.)

via air mail October 21, 1959

Mr. Frank Loescher
United States-South Africa Leader
Exchange Program
345 East 46th Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Frank:

I'm to be in New York Wednesday and Thursday of next week (Oct. 28 and 29). I will call to see if you're in and we can get together.

Best,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

via air mail October 21, 1959

Mr. Benjamin Muse
Manassas,
Virginia

Dear Ben:

This is to deal with several matters at once, just before I jump off to Williamsburg:

(1) Quite right about the rate of remuneration; revised check enclosed, along with another for travel. The slip-up on the former was occasioned by my failing to get the new mandate to Mrs. Alexander promptly enough.

(2) The letter to Brewbaker is fine.

(3) Thanks for letting me see the good letter from Arnall; am returning it enclosed.

(4) I will send out an announcement of your assignment to the Leadership Project as soon as I get back and can get at it. I'll probably clear it with you first.

(5) Your plans for the period just ahead make good sense. Birmingham isn't urgent and can be put on a back burner. Also, you shouldn't feel any great pressure in the case of the corporation executives; Les and Bob Thompson are working on more analysis of this whole question.

(6) I believe the best way to handle travel expenses and otherwise for Tucker and Ridgeway is through HOPE while they are here.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

(Signed in Mr. Fleming's absence.)

(Checks Nos.693, 694; $51.57 & $270.61, respectively)
(Ltr. to Ben. Muse from Ellis Arnall, dtd. 10/6/59, returned)

October 21, 1959

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Your letter to Paul Rilling concerning New South subscriptions has been referred to me.

In accordance with an earlier agreement, New South subscribers in South Carolina are billed three months after expiration of their subscription. These subscribers can be billed monthly just as easily, i.e., we can bill them the same month the subscription expires if that suits your purpose better.

Let me know your wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

Green & original copies del. to HCF.

October 21, 1959

The Honorable J. Waties Waring
Hyde Park Hotel
25 East 77th Street
New York 21, New York

My dear Judge Waring:

Thank you for your letter advising us of your new address. We have made the appropriate changes in our mailing lists.

It would be a great pleasure to see you and Mrs. Waring again, and I will hope to do so on my next trip to New York. Meanwhile, my warm regards to you both.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 21, 1959

Mr. Frank D. Wood
Southern Manager
Moody's Investors Service
P. O. Box 1236
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Wood:

Thank you for your letter of October 20, and the information concerning Moody's Industrials. Our check is enclosed for $104. for the 1959 Manual, together with a binder and all the current issues s since the beginning of the present series.

In 1960 we will consider whether we wish to subscribe for another year.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Enclosure: check #701

October 21, 1959

Professor Robert Runo
Department of Political Science
Roosevelt University
430 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago 5, Illinois

Dear Professor Runo:

We are pleased to mail you, under separate cover, the requested 15 copies of The Negro and the Ballot in the South. There is no charge, since you are using them in one of your classes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD;a

Mailed separately:
15 - The Negro and the Ballot

October 21, 1959

Mr. Mathew Ahmann
Field Representative
Catholic Interracial Council
21 W. Superior Street
Chicago 10, Illinois

Dear Mr. Ahmann:

We are mailing you today, separately, a copy of The Negro and the Ballot in the South, by Margaret Price.

Your name is being added to our list to receive all subsequent research publications.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

October 21, 1959

Professor Donald Dewey
Department of Economics and Business Administration
Duke University
Durham, N. C.

Dear Professor Dewey:

Some months ago I sent to you a copy of a study of southern industry by Hammer and Company. I am afraid we need it back for an unexpected use. If you would like it again later, I shall be glad to send it to you again.

The speech by Mitchell arrived, but only one copy. It is one of the very best speeches I have read, but largely exhortatory and I think it would not be of enough interest to you to copy it. If you would like to have it, though, please let me know. I am toying with the idea of being a spectator at the Jacksonville meeting of the Southern Economic Association. If I make it, I hope our paths may cross.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

October 21, 1959

Mr. William B. Prendergast
Associate Director of Research
Republican National Committee
1625 Eye Street, Northwest
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Prendergast:

We are pleased to mail you our pamphlet, The Negro and the Ballot in the South, which was released the first week of September 1959. There is no charge.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Mailed separately:
The Negro and the Ballot

October 21, 1959

Mr. Benjamin Muse
Box 312
Manassas, Virginia

Dear Ben:

Thank you for the typed list of L Report addresses.

The only other categories besides the ones sent to you are those of the Chamber of Commerce officials and School Superintendents. Harold had suggested that we send all the listings except these two categories. I can send you these names also if you wish. Please let me know.

As to the Labor group, as you may know, Emory Via, former labor consultant for the Council, was here late this summer for a few days and did some work at the Council. He, after consultation with Harold, gave me the names to add to the list.

You should have been receiving 25 copies of each L Report. I shall see that you get more of L 9.

The supply of back L Reports varies from about 25 for earlier numbers to several hundred for the later ones. The reason for this is that we have nearly exhausted earlier supplies with names added after the initial run. As the address list has grown, we have added to the total number mimeographed. I have tried to have at least 200 additional copies mimeographed each time to supply future demand.

The additional lists have arrived, and we are following your instruction in regard to them.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec

October 21, 1959

Professor Harry Holloway
Department of Government
The University of Texas
Austin 12, Texas

Dear Professor Holloway:

We are mailing you today the requested copy of The Negro and the Ballot in the South. Since you expressed interest in our publications and our work, we are taking the liberty of including the 1956 voting survey also, The Negro Voter in the South, and our Background Report on School Desegregation for 1959-60. There is no charge for these additional publications.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Mailed separately:
The Negro and the Ballot, 1959
The Negro Voter, 1956
Background Report

October 22, 1959

The Rev. Robert Hughes
Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 1218 Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Bob:

I was extremely pleased to hear that John McConnell accepted a position on your state Board. It has been my experience that he takes his responsibility seriously and I feel he will be a real source of strength. I believe he should be encouraged to take an active roll in the local group as part of this responsibility. The political factor is always a risk in cases like John's but calculated risks are indicated in the present situation and I believe he made the proper decision.

We have passed your message concerning the Mobile ladies to Mrs. Tilly.

We very much appreciated the clipping concerning Tom Waring and are considering some distribution of it. Harold is out of town this week but told me to pass on his acknowledgment of your letter to Harry Flieschman and his agreement with your concern about the possible repercussions of all this hoopla about the Civil War Centennial, especially with a character like U.S. Grant III in charge.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

October 22, 1959

Dr. John A. Griffin
Director of University Relations
The Florida State University
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear John:

Ed Ball called this morning, and we are now clear about the figures; they were typos, as I suspected. Many thanks for helping to get this straight.

Pass this letter to your secretary and ask her to try to get us copies of the two speeches which you told me about in your letter of October 13, if they were mimeographed. We would be especially interested in the one on Negro intelligence. You may remember that one of our L Reports a few weeks back reproduced that old statement by a group of social scientists on intelligence and race. Literally, we have been amazed at the response (as I dictated that, Mrs. Albright informed me that we are running off another 200 today). I would have thought that this would have been old hat to nearly everyone; on the contrary it has aroused as much interest as some publications in which we invested money and effort. Many of the requests for bulk order copies, incidentally, are coming from Negro teachers and principals in Florida. At any rate, we are thinking of getting something else done along this line, pointed toward the academic experience and achievement of Negro and white public school students. I am going out to Emory tomorrow to talk this around a bit with Ed Ladd and Ross Green; if it somes off, however, I would like to get it done by someone other than an Emory professor; do you have a good educationist in Florida State?

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

October 22, 1959

Bureau of Business Research
University of Texas
Austin, Texas

Dear Sirs:

We would like very much to receive a copy of your special report on the South. If there are any charges for the report, please bill the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

October 22, 1959

The Secretary of State
The State of Virginia
State Office Building
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Sir:

We would like very much to receive a copy of the Report of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, which we understand is available in October or November of each year.

If there is a charge for this, please bill the Southern Regional Council, at the above address.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

October 22, 1959

Mrs. Jane Reif
1912 McDowell Road
Norfolk 12, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Reif:

I am very sorry that we have held your manuscript so long. I have been out for a week with an old back bother, Paul Rilling has been almost constantly on the road, and Harold Fleming has been busy fund-raising. The result is that the three of us have never been able to get together to discuss publication plans. I hope that next week I can write to you with some definite statements.

I have, however, read the manuscript carefully, and am impressed by the results of your revision and by the good will with which you undertook it.

Will write again soon.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

October 22, 1959

Mrs. C. R. Avera, President
Woman's Society of Christian Service
South Georgia Conference
The Methodist Church
Roberta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Avera:

We will most certainly make reservations for you at Piedmont Hotel for the night of November 5, and if you want to come right on to Clark College when you reach Atlanta, you will find your reservation there waiting for you I am sure.

You and Mrs. Bragg mean so much to me that I am more than glad that you will be with us.

Love and best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

October 22, 1959

Dr. Lewis Deer
Social Education and Intercultural Relations
Disciples of Christ
The United Christian Missionary Society
222 South Downey Avenue
Indianapolis 7, Indiana

Dear Dr. Deer:

Please get your secretary to send us your biographical sketch. We are just so delighted that you are going to be with us, and we like your subject, "Waiting Upon The Lord."

Deeply grateful to you for accepting our invitation to be with us, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

October 22, 1959

Dr. F. D. Patterson
President
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Dr. Patterson:

Your letter just received gives us hope that we will have you or Mr. Dillon with us November 5 and 6, at Clark College. I know this is asking a lot but it means a lot to us. We do want you to see your money at work.

With thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

October 22, 1959

Mr. William Lightsey
Executive Secretary
Virginia Committee for Public Schools
Room 3, Broad-Grace Arcade
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Lightsey:

Your letter to Harold Fleming concerning reprints of Paul Rilling's NEW SOUTH article has been passed on to me. Since we do not have reprints of the NEW SOUTH article and since we do not contemplate reprinting it, we are mailing you, under separate cover, a hundred copies of the NEW SOUTH in which the article appeared. Of course, if you should decide you wish to reprint the article, you may do so.

With very best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

Materials sent:

Three Views
Next Steps
Changing Patterns
The Negro Voter
The Negro and the Ballot
If The Schools Are Closed...

October 23, 1959

Mr. Lawrence S. Thompson
Director of Libraries
University of Kentucky Libraries
Margaret I. King Library
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Thompson:

We are mailing you, under separate cover, a copy of THREE VIEWS OF THE SEGREGATION DECISIONS which you refer to on your card.

Also included is some additional material which might be of interest to your readers.

We are placing you on our mailing list for future materials. This does not include our monthly magazine described in the enclosed folder.

If we can be of additional aid, please let us know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/bcc
Encl.

October 23, 1959

Mrs. Cynthia R. Polychrone
70 - 10th Street, N. W.
Atlanta 9, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Polychrone:

Enclosed you will find the Gleanings from the Workshop of 1957. The scribe took notes on the speeches of Mr. Fleming, Miss Stamats, Dr. Gardner and Mrs. Hurley, then she edited the reports of the Workshop groups. We usually get in detail the messages of the religious leaders.

This is going to mean that you will have to be with us all through the sessions. If you wish to stay out at Atlanta University at night we will make a reservation for you.

I wanted to see you yesterday at the U.N. meeting but I was too far in the back and could not wait. If there are any questions you want to ask, just call. I hope you are going to enjoy this piece of work.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/lec
Enclosure

October 23, 1959

Dr. Harry J. Carman
John Hay Whitney Fouhdation
630 Fifth Avenue
New York 20, New York

Dear Dr. Carman:

For several years the John Hay Whitney Foundation has given us a thousand dollars which we have used largely for bringing together women of various denominations; Jewish Council of Women, B'nai B'rith, Catholic women of the South, and Protestants, for two days discussion of the problems that are facing us in this section, that not only affect us but affect the world wide program of good will and understanding.

The workshop this year is to be held at Kresge Hall, Clark College, November 5 and 6, here in Atlanta, Georgia. We would certainly like to have you with us to see how the money is used. We most heartily extend you an invitation to meet the women and see how earnest they are to find ways to solve our problems and make suggestions to us that we may further our program of understanding.

This particular group is the Fellowship of the Concerned, the women's program of Southern Regional Council. We are enclosing a little sheet to show you some of the things we have done in the past. We have been most appreciative of the gift that has come to us, because we believe firmly that the women of the South will have to be the interpreters and shock absorbers of the social change and they are working at the job.

We hope you will find it possible to be with us.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Enclosure

October 23, 1959

Mrs. Laura McCray
P. O. Box 275
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mrs. McCray:

The enclosed sheet will give you the information that the Work Shop of the Fellowship of the Concerned is to be held here in Atlanta at Kresge Hall, Clark College, November 5 and 6. This is to extend to you an invitation and if you cannot come just send someone in your place. We believe this is going to be an extra fine Work Shop and you will add much to it.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Enclosure

October 23, 1959

Mrs. L. H. Foster
Tusekgee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Foster:

The workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned will be at Kresge Hall, Clark College, November 5 and 6. We are enclosing a sheet to give you further information. If you can't be present, we would appreciate it if you would find someone from Tuskegee to be with us. We certainly want you to come, but if you find you cannot, we surely want you to send someone to represent you.

We have written to Mrs. Laura McCray. She happens to be a member of my sorority. We do want two people at least from Tuskegee.

With the best of wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Enclosure

October 23, 1959

Mr. Benjamin Muse
Manassas,
Virginia

Dear Ben:

The Leadership budget is healthy, and there's no reason why you shouldn't get a typewriter. Paul Anthony suggests that, appearance of the work being the main consideration, perhaps you should consider one of the less expensive electric models. You might want to do this if it wouldn't raise secretarial problems; the electric typewriter, as you probably know, calls for a somewhat different technique which takes a while to master.

In any case, feel free to acquire whatever machine will best suit your needs.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Separate mailing: 10 copies "L" Report #11 (Little Rock)

October 26, 1959

Mr. George K. Hunton
Catholic Interracial Council
20 Vesey Street
New York 17, New York

Dear George:

The statements by Archbishops McCann and Hurley are remarkably forthright and prophetic. They could serve as a model for the Southern (U.S.!) clergy, many of whom have been mute in a much less difficult situation.

I'll be most grateful for 200 copies or so.

We are sending you separately ten copies of the latest "L" Report on Little Rock.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 26, 1959

Mr. Thomas W. Young
Journal and Guide
719 East Olney Road
Norfolk 1, Virginia

Dear Tom:

Thanks for your prompt and sympathetic response to my letter. The memorandum has gone out to the Nominating Committee with the additional language you proposed.

I agree with you that this gives the Committee the basis for a fair and wise decision.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 26, 1959

Mr. John Wheeler
President
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear John:

Both personally and on behalf of the Council, I want to express warm appreciation for the contribution in your name and that in the name of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank. I hope you will convey our appreciation also to other appropriate officers of the Bank.

You are already making a very valuable contribution of your time and leadership to the Council. This financial support as well makes us doubly anxious to deserve your loyalty and confidence.

With highest regards, as always,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 2. (Official receipts)

October 26, 1959

Mr. David M. Reimers
333 East 43rd Street, Apt. 703
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Reimers:

We will be happy to have you visit the offices of the Southern Regional Council when you are in Atlanta next January. Such information as we have on the churches and race relations will be at your disposal.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Green & original
copies ret. to HCF
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October 26, 1959

Miss Jean Fairfax
American Friends Service Committee
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Jean:

Thanks for taking time out from your lotus-eating vacation to write about John Yungblut. We will send him such names as we have and also put him on the mailing list.

Incidentally, Harry Meserve, whom I saw recently, speaks of Yungblut in the most enthusiastic terms.

Allan Knight Chalmers' Southern activities are indeed interesting. I have heard enough vague reports to lead me to suppose he is the potent potentiary that Thurgood speaks of. I'd be happy to join in a meeting with him, if we can work it out. There is some chance - by no means certain - that I will be in New York November 16 or 17. Otherwise, I will be tied up November 1st through 11th, the 18th, and the 25th. If you arrange something for some date other than these, I'll do my best to make it.

Hope you'll be bright-eyed and refreshed when you see this.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

BC: Mr. J. M. Dabbs

October 26, 1959

Dr. Keith McKean
North Carolina State College
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Dr. McKean:

Mr. Dabbs has shared with us your very interesting manuscript "Civil Rights and Science," which I am returning enclosed.

The analysis is a stimulating and insightful one, and I wish I could offer the Council's services as publisher. But, as Mr. Dabbs has probably suggested, this kind of scholarly analysis is simply not within our province.

I should think and hope that one of the professional journals would see the merit of publishing the manuscript.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1. (Manuscript)

October 26, 1959

Mr. Lewis H. Deer
United Christian Missionary Society
Disciples of Christ
222 South Downey Avenue
Indianapolis 7, Indiana

Dear Lewis:

I'm only too glad to support your application. Whether I can in good conscience represent myself as "responsible" is a question, but otherwise I have no hesitancy.

Best of luck!

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1. (Ltr. to Mr. Katzenbach, Brandeis Univ.)

October 26, 1959

Mr. Edward L. Katzenbach, Jr.
Director - Florina Lasker Fellows Program
Brandeis University
Waltham 54, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Katzenbach:

The Rev. Lewis H. Deer has informed me that he is applying for a Florina Lasker Fellowship, and I should like to say an enthusiastic word in support of his application.

For some years now, we of the Southern Regional Council have been associated with Mr. Deer in common efforts to advance intergroup relations. As pastor of the Pulaski Heights Christian Church in Little Rock, he was chairman of our affiliated Arkansas Council and gave effective leadership to that organization and to the community. It is a tribute to his efforts that his successors in that pastorate have found it both possible and natural to play a positive public role in the difficulties that subsequently occurred in Little Rock. The Arkansas Council on Human Relations has also built well on the foundation he laid, serving as virtually the only continuing channel between white and Negro citizens during the turbulent days of the Little Rock crisis.

After Mr. Deer moved to his present post, our association continued in terms of the mutual concerns of our respective agencies in the human relations field. We have found him a dedicated and able co-worker, sensitive to problems of injustice and hardship in the South, and alert to opportunities for contructive action. He enjoys deservedly high esteem among his fellow professionals.

An investment in Mr. Deer's personal and professional development would be a valuable contribution to organized effort in the area of civil liberties and civil rights.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 26, 1959

Mr. Bem Price
3916 Mackall Avenue
McLean, Virginia

Dear Bem:

C. Vann Woodward, the historian, told me the other day that he was commissioned by APN last spring to write a five-part series on the Negro in American history. He turned the pieces in about April 1959 and was paid for them. In midsummer, he inquired their use or non-use; was told the articles were fine and would probably be released at school-opening time. No word or sign of them since.

This isn't a matter of any great moment, but I'm curious and thought you might be too. Do you know anything about the series? Or can you find out without making a thing of it? From what I know of Woodward, the articles should be well done and constructive. Maybe -- I hope -- they're still planning to use them.

Best,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Put on N.S. mailing list.

BC: Paul Green

October 26, 1959

Mrs. James Boyd
Southern Pines
North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Boyd:

Paul Green has told me that you might like to know more about the work of the Southern Regional Council. At his suggestion, I am sending the enclosed report on our program activities and, separately, several of our recent publications.

We have been most encouraged lately by the growing number of Southerners who have indicated their support of the Council and its approach to race relations. I hope you will find yourself in agreement with this viewpoint and will call on me for any further information that may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1. (Program Report)

Separate mailing: current New South, Voting Report, Green-Sauerke Report, Journal and Guide Reprint, Lofton reprint.

October 26, 1959

Dr. A. D. Albright
Executive Dean
University of Kentucky
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Albright:

A heavy schedule of travel and meetings has prevented my answering sooner your letter of September 25. I hope this reply is still timely and will be of some help. In any case, I want you to know that I will be glad to cooperate in every way with the Education Commission's study.

The following comments are numbered in the same order as your questions.

(1) The tremendous growth of metropolitan Atlanta -- most of it centrifugal -- is making for increased homogeneity of neighborhoods and most community institutions. Residential areas may be fairly precisely graded as to their "prestige," and schools, churches, and shopping centers tend to reflect these gradations. This situation obtains generally in both the white and Negro communities. The development of good-to-luxurious housing on the Negro west side is one of the most remarkable aspects of change in recent years. However, the restrictions on Negro residential development have limited the mobility of that group, as compared with whites.

Urban renewal will probably contribute to the trend toward homogeneity, further stabilizing residential segregation by relocating low-income Negroes in all-Negro areas.

A counter-trend to the outward movement is noticeable in the large demand for houses in the close-in areas that have kept their prestige -- Ansley Park, Brookwood, Garden Hills. If exponsive, high-rise apartments are erected in renewal areas, this inward movement may be further strengthened. But it is unlikely that enough desirable, close-in dwelling units will become available to change the major pattern of suburbanization.

The population growth of the metropolitan area derives its impetus from two types of inmigration: (1) rural Negroes and whites who usually settle in the central city, and (2) managerial, professional, skilled and white-collar workers from other parts of the South and the Nation; these new residents tend to settle in the suburbs and satellite cities. Both types of migration have important cultural implications for the city in general and the public schools in particular. The older central city is increasingly populated by low-income, educationally deficient, culturally deprived persons. Added to these problems are those of interracial tensions and, prospectively, school desegregation. Thus the oldest school plants, least attractive to the best qualified teachers, likely to receive least special aid and equipment, face the greatest challenges in education and social adjustment.

The churches generally have no agreed-upon philosophy for meeting these changes. As the older areas have been "taken over" by the new settlers, the churches have tended to follow their congregations to the suburbs. In some cases, they have remained, at least for a time, serving their faithful flocks as white islands in a sea of Negro residents. The proliferation of new churches in the outlying areas has, of course, bred more congregations of social, economic, and racial homogeneity.

(2) As metropolitan Atlanta has grown, the goals and values of its people have become more and more like

those of other American metropolises. With a more cosmopolitan population has come the demand for more diversified artistic, entertainment, and intellectual activities. Community status has come to be even more closely associated with wealth and business position. It is my impression that interest in the quality of education is greater and, particularly in the case of non-Southern newcomers to the area, may express itself in a preference for private schools. This may be attributable in part to fear of the public schools being closed to avoid desegregation; but it probably reflects also deeper and more lasting attitudes.

(3) These and other gross changes are functions of increasing size and diversity of population and the relatively high level of prosperity in recent years.

(4) For one thing, certainly the Negro's status will be changed and the whole city with it. The most likely prospects are: better Negro housing but more residential segregation; little school desegregation at the elementary level, except possibly in low-income or transition neighborhoods - in other words, where it is least likely to be successful; increasing desegregation in the high schools, and by the end of ten years perhaps taken for granted; more social-class segregation even than now, within both white and Negro communities; greater Negro participation in politics with expansion of office-holding; gradual weakening of employment discrimination but, concurrently, growing autonomy of the Negro business community; well-nigh complete end to segregation in public life with little alteration in personal relationships (except decline in numbers of domestics); one would expect that private colleges of city and area, as well as Tech and Georgia State, would be desegregated, and that intermingling of Negro and white students and intellectuals would have occurred; larger size of city and freer intellectual life should mean that art, music, etc. - now largely an activity of Society - would be more un-selfconsciously cultivated; as in other urban centers, greater family disorganization, more delinquency, perhaps a decline in church-going.

The public schools -- assuming, as I do, their continuance -- will face many challenging demands, including: (1) all of the problems of serving a rapidly expanding population with revenues that are not likely to expand proportionately; (2) adjustment to at least minimal desegregation; (3) meeting the special educational needs of children, white and Negro, from families unequipped for urban living, culturally and economically deprived.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 26, 1959

Professor Joseph F. Maloney
Department of Political Philosophy
and the Social Sciences
Fordham University
New York 58, New York

Dear Professor Maloney:

We are pleased to send you the requested study by Professors Green and Gauerke, If the Schools Are Closed ....A Critical Analysis of the Private School Plan. We are also including our Background Report on School Desegregation for 1959-60, which we believe will be of some interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Mailed separately:
If the Schools Are Closed
Background Report

October 26, 1959

Miss Marjorie Bailey
Education Associate
International Association of Machinists
1300 Connecticut Avenue
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Miss Bailey:

We are pleased to learn that you think well of our Leadership Reports, and will send you a complete set to date, with the requested three extra copies of L-8 on "Race and Intelligence."

As you suggested, we are adding to our mailing list Mr. William Clitheroe, of Atlanta, and Mr. Young, of Maryland.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Mailed separately:
1 set of Leadership Reports, L-1 through L-11
3 copies of L-8

October 26, 1959

Mr. Benjamin Muse
Manassas,
Virginia

Dear Ben:

Last week at Mr. Dabbs' Williamsburg conference on "images," Francis Pickens Miller raised with me a question about the Lightsey report. He and other public school supporters in Charlottesville are unhappy over the fact that Lightsey's account didn't spell out the process of collapse of massive resistance -- "like writing a history of Gettysburg without mentioning Pickett's charge."

Col. Miller's first thought was that the pamphlet ought to be withdrawn and, if possible, a complete account substituted. After some discussion, he agreed there would be little point in withdrawing the relatively few copies of the existing report. But he did propose that a more complete review of the Virginia "switch" be done -- preferably by you. He talked at length to the group about the behind-the-scenes role of the business leaders in Charlottesville and at the famous December meeting with Almond. He would be happy to give you all the help he could and, in any case, hopes you can visit Charlottesville to pick up all the background of local developments there.

If you can make the investment of time and effort, I think you could do a very useful booklet of this kind - not as a substitute for Lightsey's but something quite different. How do you feel about it?

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P. S. -- Miller also threw out the suggestion that Colgate Darden be asked to counsel with leadership in lower South states and communities.

H.C.F.

October 26, 1959

Mr. Curtis B. Gans
National Affairs Vice-President
United States National Student Association
3457 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Gans:

Congratulations to the NSA on the grant from the Field Foundation. There certainly is need for work in this area with college students and you are a natural agent to carry this work forward.

I am looking forward to being related to the project effort and will be able to attend the meeting on December 12 and 13.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

October 26, 1959

via air mail

Miss M. Rosella Hill
Burnsville Educational Project
331 College Street
Asheville, North Carolina

Dear Miss Burns:

My present travel plans will involve my reaching Asheville at 5:08 p.m., November 5, via Delta Flight #353. I will have no objection to making an earlier meeting at the high school, but wonder if this plan would allow sufficient time for getting from the airport to the meeting, remembering that planes are often late. If you feel that this meeting is highly important, I could catch an earlier plane getting there at 2:09 (Capitol Flight # 584.) Let me know whether you feel this would be necessary.

I am still a little vague as to the nature of the speech you will want at the evening meeting. Mrs. Miller, who spoke with you, reported that you are interested in the background of the Southern Regional Council and some discussion of the problems of raising the money needed for the schooling of the Yancey County children. If there is any particular tone or particular approach needed, I hope you will call or write me.

I am enclosing the biographical data you requested.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm
Enc.

October 26, 1959

Mr. R. L. Lacy
Division Superintendent
Halifax County Public Schools
Halifax, Virginia

Dear Mr. Lacy:

We are pleased to send you copies of our Leadership Reports one through five and report No. L-7.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Mailed separately:
L Reports 1-5, and 7

Green's + original
copies ret. to hcf

October 27, 1959

Mr. Albert Vorspan
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
838 Fifth Avenue
New York 21, New York

Dear Al:

Thanks for your further letter about the session on November 18. I will try to say something meaningfully about what the churches and synagogues are doing, and perhaps suggest one or two ways in which their role can be strengthened.

I will arrive in Miami the evening of November 17 and have written Mr. Chase asking that he reserve a hotel room for me that night.

One outdated glossy - the only copy available at the moment - and a brief biographical data sheet are enclosed.

I am looking forward to seeing you in Miami.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 2.

October 27, 1959

Dr. Roland Frye
Emory University
Atlanta 22, Georgia

Dear Roland:

Many thanks for taking time out for our head-knocking at Williamsburg. Your contribution was most helpful, and, on a personal note, I am a better champion of the liberal arts for our conversations en route.

I am enclosing our check for your expenses.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1. (Check #708; $97.68)

October 27, 1959

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

As expense accounts come in from the Williamsburg participants, we are sending the checks promptly; and, in those cases where I can, I am writing a brief note of appreciation along with them. But I am missing some because of absence from the office.

You may be writing a letter of thanks to each participant, which will solve the problem. If you haven't done this, and secretarial help is a problem, we will be glad to type them up for you here.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 27, 1959

Mr. C. Vann Woodward
Department of History
The Johns Hopkins University
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Mr. Woodward:

I want to add my own word of thanks to those of Mr. Dabbs for your willingness to give your time and thought to the Williamsburg conference. The discussions were very stimulating and helpful to me, and I believe to the others there.

I'm doing a little quiet checking on the Associated Press News features series and will let you know what I find out.

With appreciation and best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1. (Check #707; $36.12)

October 27, 1959

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Thank you for your letter of October 22. I agree with you that THIS IS THE SOUTH is a very worth while addition to the library, but I do not believe it is enough in our field to enable us to move the number of copies it would require for us to be able to get a discount. I expect Mr. Dabbs, since he has a chapter in the book, might be able to secure the book for you at a reduced price easier than we would.

This is the same situation as to the general run of books. That is we would not be able to move enough books to warrant our getting discount prices.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

October 27, 1959

Mr. Benjamin Muse
Box 312
Manassas, Virginia

Dear Ben:

Enclosed is the L-Report binder and the copy of your report. We have mailed it to Mr. Brewbaker with your compliments. This is the last of the supply of your report with the exception of Mrs. Flowers' file copies; but if you desire, we will mimeograph an additional supply. Please let me know the quantity if you desire additional copies.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Enclosures

October 26, 1959

Professor Warren E. Cauerke
933 Vernier Road
Grosse Pointe Woods
Michigan 36

Dear Warren:

The pamphlets are on their way and we are glad indeed to send them.

Best wishes; hope you are having a good year at Wayne State.

Sincerely yours,

Gentlemen

LWD:a

8 copies of the Schools Are Closed for committee members of North Central Asso. of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

October 27, 1959

via air mail

The Rev. William P. Williams
Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
213 N. E. Second Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Bill:

We have cleared Paul Anthony's availability from Monday, November 23 through Thursday, November 26. Our thought is that in addition to making the meetings in Orlando, Tampa, and St. Petersburg, he will be available for the additional day in Miami that you suggest.

It just occurred to me that you may be practically inaccessible after you close the office. Be sure and send your home address. Also I do feel that having a phone is an absolute essential under your proposed new arrangement. It would be quite proper I think for the Florida Council to foot the bill in as much as you have not felt it necessary to have a personal phone.

You will remember that I told you that my Mother was retiring and would be moving to Miami. I will be driving her down over this coming week-end. I thought I might as well stay over Monday to check up on the latest developments with you. I would also like to see Jane and Ed Lewis while I am in town.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

October 27, 1959

Miss Jean Fairfax
American Friends Service Committee
20 South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Jean:

Ruby and I have finally found each other in Atlanta at the same time. This has not proved to be an easy feat. We are agreed that we should get together in November, but we don't think it will be too early in November. In fact, the only dates when both Ruby and I will be available in November would be Thursday or Friday the 19 or 20. If this is not possible for you we will have to go to early December dates.

We would naturally prefer that the meeting take place in Atlanta. It would be rather inconvenient for Ruby to get to Washington because of commitments in the other direction on the 22nd and 23rd. If you cannot get to Atlanta, however, or if you feel that it is extremely important to involve some of the Washington area people, we will try and manage it for Washington anyway.

I will be in Asheville November 5 to meet with the Burnsville Educational Project people. We still have no consultant in Prince Edward County. We are still working on this. As usual, we expect to have someone by the end of this week.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm
cc: Ruby Hurley

October 27, 1959

Mr. Hugh MacColl
American Federation of Teachers
28 East Jackson Blvd.
Chicago 4, Illinois

Dear Mr. MacColl:

In the absence of our director, Harold Fleming, your letter has been referred to me for action and reaction. We have no field representative in the Houston area. In fact, we have only one field representative in the entire South, me.

We are familiar with the forthright policy of the AFT on the matter of school desegregation. It is good to know that you plan to spend some time in the South. The emphasis of the AFT should be of considerable benefit in Houston and other areas currently involved in school decisions.

There is a Houston Council on Human Relations which has some ties with this organization. You might want to [illegible] TALK with the chairman of this group, the Rev. Kemper Sherwood McKee, 3929 Colgate.

We do not have organized state groups in Louisiana or Texas at the present time although we do have them in most other Southern states.

I wish we could be of more help to you. I do hope you will keep us informed as to your progress and will let us know if we should establish closer liaison. I get into Texas and Louisiana periodically and will get in touch with you on my next visit.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

October 27, 1959

Mr. D. Charles Pinkerton
413 North Monroe Street
Pittsfield, Illinois

Dear Mr. Pinkerton:

This is in reply to your letter of October 20, concerning your request for materials to be included in an index which you are preparing for business teachers. We are very sorry but we do not have the type of material you requested. Perhaps our organization has been mistaken for another.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Luel E. Cummings
Secretary to Director of
Information

/lec

Green & original
copies sent to hcf

October 27, 1959

Mr. Louis A. Chase
Chairman
Union Biennial Program Committee
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
838 Fifth Avenue
New York 21, New York

Dear Mr. Chase:

I appreciated your letter of several weeks ago sending me the program for the forthcoming biennial convention. I have now had further information from Al Vorspan on the workshop session scheduled for the morning of November 18.

My plans are to arrive in Miami on Eastern Flight #111, at 8:45 P. M., November 17. Your kindness in making me a hotel reservation for that night will be appreciated.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 27, 1959

Mr. Benjamin Muse
Box 312
Manassas, Virginia

Dear Ben:

You will recall the conversation that we had with Bob Thompson when you were last here. My understanding was that the consensus favored attempting to reach northern companies with interests in the South. My own feeling, which I think Harold shares, is that we cannot afford to be overly optimistic about this, but that the field is too rich to be altogether neglected. As to tactics, we understood this: there was to be an initial letter which would try to open up subsequent contacts. I have drafted such a letter and it has been gone over by Bob and Harold. I honestly do not, however, feel that I have achieved the right tone; if you share my dissatisfaction with it, please revise or re-write at will.

As you will see from the head note, the intention would be to tailor each letter. I would suppose this would be highly desirable, though I think it should be done against a basic pattern. Our thought would be that about ten or twelve of these would go out at the start; that no more would be sent until responses came in and we could evaluate both the effectiveness of the approach and the demands that it would make on your time. In the meantime Bob Thompson will be compiling on index cards the principal facts about the leading companies: location and type of southern plants, number of employees, names and addresses of southern directors, if any, names of president and chairman, etc. These cards would be furnished to you with any replies that invited further contact. You would take it from there.

Because Mr. Dabbs would be signing the letters, we shall of course have to discuss the plans with him.

The response from Phi Delta Kappa is a bit overwhelming; see enclosed. We are so wrapped up here just now with projects aborning (as Harold goes off to tilt with the New York money chests) that I haven't done any more than read the letter and probably will not answer it before next week. Of course we shall take advantage of their offer. Please let me have any ideas which may occur to you regarding distribution.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Enclosure: CC proposed letter
thermafax, PDK letter

P.S. A final point that I forgot in connection with the leadership project. In lieu of any better idea, we propose to select the companies to be first approached by using the Fortune list of 500 largest industrial corporations; starting from the top, we propose to write first to companies with plants in South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi; many of these, of course, will also have locations elsewhere in the South. On a second go, if we get that far, we would, following the same order, write to companies with plants only in the other Southern states.

October 27, 1959

Mr. Walter Spearman
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Walter:

We have studied over your report, and I want to send you our (Harold's and my) compliments. It is a scholarly analysis, interestingly and concisely written. Your conclusions on page 10 follow your findings closely (though we may want to consider relating them, for the hasty reader, more immediately to the findings). We may have some editorial suggestions later, but will hold them until we get publication plans in focus.

We have decided that we need to review and re-think those plans. This is because we have reluctantly concluded that the method we suggested, that of examining selected stories, does not produce results which are beyond dispute, particularly when the coverage is limited to the initial breaking of the story. This is in no sense a criticism of your work, or a disagreement with your conclusions. We are perfectly willing to give good marks to the Southern press. But we want to feel secure in doing so. At this point, we doubt that the method which we set up for you will be widely convincing, and that the report will have the impact you and we both wanted.

We are not yet decided as to what is to be done; in fact, we haven't given it many hard thought as yet. In some way, however, the over-all performance of the paper ought to be brought into this: e.g., its coverage of local events, its selection and writing of features, the tone conveyed by its front-page headlining, etc. One thought we have, with Race in the News as an example, is a wide reading and impressionistic evaluation (as contrasted with your close and analytical work), leading to a report of about the same length as yours. This poses many questions, financial and otherwise, not the least of which is that of who could qualifiedly do it. We would, of course, want to consult you regarding the final presentation of the booklet. Also, we want to move quickly so that your analysis remains fresh.

You will recognize this for some most tentative thoughts from a couple of harried people with too much, at the moment, to think about and do. We'll be in touch again when we can be more concrete. In the meantime, many thanks for a job of professional quality.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

October 27, 1959

Mr. Louis F. Jacob
Research Manager
Tucker Wayne & Company
1175 Peachtree Street, N. E.
Atlanta 9, Georgia

Dear Mr. Jacob:

Thank you for your letter of the 20th and the generous offer to share with us the population data you have collected.

Your letter is being turned over to our Research Department and you will probably hear from them shortly.

Incidentally, our research staff has been considerably expanded and is now headed by Dr. Leslie W. Dunbar. I am requesting that your name be added to their mailing list to receive reports and other information.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

October 27, 1959

Dr. Harry Meserve
Rockefeller Brothers Fund
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York

Dear Harry:

Here, as I promised, is a fairly full set of Benjamin Muse's reports on his field visits for the Leadership Project.

I don't expect you to read all this! But I do think you will find it interesting to thumb through and find some of the meatier passages. Blessedly, Ben writes well and concisely.

Henceforth, Ben is to send me an extra carbon of each communication, so that I can share the more noteworthy ones with you as we go along. As we can get to it, I also will be sending you some of the more interesting letters and other reactions to the L-Reports and Ben's contacts.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P. S. -- I just received a letter from Jean Fairfax informing me that John Yungblut is on the job as "hard-core" field man for AFSC. We will be giving him all possible cooperation and support.

HCF

via air mail October 27, 1959

Mr. Thomas W. Young
Journal and Guide
719 East Olney Road
Norfolk 1, Virginia

Dear Tom:

A further word about the Nominating Committee.

I have had a letter from Mrs. W. F. Bates of Little Rock (not Daisy Bates) saying that for reasons of health she finds it necessary to resign from SRC. Would you want to fill this unexpected vacancy with one of the general alternates designated at the Nominating Committee meeting? The first on the list would be Brooks Hays, the second Omer Carmichael.

To bring you up to date, we have had favorable word on soundings of these nominees: Francis Pickens Miller, J. Ray Shute, Fred Alexander. No final word yet on the willingness of Bishop John E. Hines and Victor Bussie; have you had a chance to talk with Mrs. Mason?

If you feel the full committee should be circularized on nominating an alternate in place of Mrs. Bates, we'll be glad to get out a memo and return envelopes with your address.

If you feel that this is a decision you can make, let me know and I will try to arrange an approach to Brooks Hays.

The nominating business is turning out to be a bit more involved this year than usual. Many thanks for giving your time and attention to it.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCFmf

October 28, 1959

Mrs. John Calvin Chestnut
Camden, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Chestnut:

We are enclosing an invitation to you to attend a southwide workshop here in Atlanta at Kresge Hall, Clark College, November 5 and 6. Your name was submitted by Mrs. Mable C. Morley of the Presbyterian Church. We sincerely hope you will find it possible to attend. Please let us hear from you.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Luel E. Cummings
Secretary to Mrs. Tilly

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Enclosure

October 28, 1959

Mrs. G. H. Rumph
1718 South Elm Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Rumph:

Thank you for your letter of October 24. We are very sorry that you have illness in your family and hope your relative has improved. If you find that you cannot attend the workshop, please send Mrs. Strong in your place.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Luel E. Cummings
Secretary to Mrs. Tilly

/lec

October 28, 1959

Mrs. John Cannon
P. O. Box 1114
DeLand, Florida

Dear Mrs. Cannon:

We are enclosing an invitation to you to attend a southwide workshop here in Atlanta at Kresge Hall, Clark College, November 5 and 6. Your name was submitted by Mrs. W. W. Thrasher of the Florda Christian Women's Fellowship. We sincerely hope you will find it possible to be with us. Please let us hear from you.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Luel E. Cummings
Secretary to Mrs. Tilly

/lec
Enclosure

October 28, 1959

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Rufus:

This year, as always, we will pull together a report of the major actions of the Executive Committee for presentation at the annual meeting. I will submit a copy to you for review and any revision you wish.

Since you won't be able to attend the annual meeting, who should present the report? My thought, subject to your approval, would be Marion Wright, since he ordinarily chairs Committee meetings in your absence.

I will be guided by your instructions on this point.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 28, 1959

Rev. F. B. Myers, Pastor
St. Andrew's Lutheran Church
2830 Lakeview Avenue
St. Petersburg 12, Florida

Dear Mr. Myers:

Enclosed is a copy of IF THE SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED.... There is no charge for this pamphlet for single copies.

Our latest publications include:

"The Negro and the Ballot in the South," 40 cents per single copy.

"Intimidation, Reprisal, and Violence in the South's Racial Crisis," 40 cents per single copy.

"A Background Report on School Desegregation for 1959-60," (mimeographed), 20 cents per single copy.

"A Survey of Waiting Room Facilities in 21 Southern Cities," (mimeographed), 10 cents per single copy.

"The Economic Effects of School Closings," single copy free on request.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec
Enclosure

Encls: Jim Montgomery pamphlet
Nashville Tennessean reprint
Constitution & Journal editorials (10/25/59)
Wall St. Journal on "Cost of Segregation"
1959 Program Report
"L" Reports #2,3,4,10, 11
New South: Jan. 1958, "High Cost of Segregation"
Sept. 1959, "What Might Follow School Closing"
Green-Gauerke Study

October 28, 1959

Dr. Eli Ginzberg
National Manpower Council
Columbia University
New York, New York

Dear Eli:

Here are a few things of ours and others bearing on the economic implications of segregation-desegregation troubles. We feel that a major job of public interpretation of these facts is still to be done.

Also enclosed is an overall report on our program activities this year, which you may find of interest.

I found the recent conference enjoyable and instructive and will hope for an early opportunity for further conversation.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures.

October 29, 1959

Mr. William Peters
921 Grant Avenue
Pelham Manor, New York

Dear Bill:

Harold, who is away from the office, has asked that I send you the enclosed material on Ace Carter. This includes the latest clips we could find and a rough report on Carter done for SRC in 1956; generally reliable but should be used with caution.

Neither we nor ADL know of the whereabouts of Carter at this time but we did feel that he is a strong contender for your purposes. If you are interested, we can make further effort to find him.

Harold returns to the office tomorrow and shortly thereafter you will hear from him further.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/sm

October 29, 1959

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mays:

Enclosed is our check for $24.90 to cover your expenses at the Williamsburg meeting.

Harold Fleming is away from the office. However, I am sure that I speak for him and for Mr. Dabbs in expressing our appreciation for your valued contribution to the meeting.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/sm
Encl.

October 29, 1959

Mr. W. A. McMillan, Dean
Bethune-Cookman College
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. McMillan:

Unfortunately, we have no original material on the differences in educational facilities for Negroes and whites in the State of Florida. The following references are known to us, as they probably are to you.

1. Southern Schools: Progress and Problems. Edited by Patrick McCauley and Edward D. Ball, Southern Education Reporting Service, Nashville, Tennessee. Benson Printing Company, Nashville. 1959.

   (We will forward you a copy of this book, at no cost, within several weeks when we receive a quantity supply. The last section, "The Story in Statistics," was, incidentally, compiled by John A. Girffin, now of Florida State University.)

2. The Negro and the Schools, Harry S. Ashmore. University of North Carolina Press, Chapel Hill, N. C. 1954.

3. White and Negro Schools in the South, Truman M. Pierce and others, Prentice-Hall, Englewood Cliffs, N. J., 1955.

4. Public Education in the South Today and Tomorrow, Ernst W. Swanson and John A. Griffin, University of North Carolina Press, Chapel Hill, 1955.

The Biennial Report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, State of Florida, is the only publication we know which details county by county data. The publications listed above may provide some material, state-wide in scope, which will be helpful.

A copy of Southern Schools: Progress and Problems will be forwarded to you as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM:a

October 29, 1959

Mr. Arthur W. Wiebel, President
Tennessee Coal and Iron Division
of the United States Steel Corporation
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Wiebel:

We would like very much to receive a copy of your address to the National Society of Professional Engineers on February 20, 1959: "Face to Face with Tomorrow". If you have an extra copy, we would very much appreciate the opportunity of reading it.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

October 29, 1959

Mr. W. D. Workman, Jr.
915 Beltline Boulevard
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Workman:

Thank you for your request for materials.

They are being mailed to you, under separate cover. We do not have the chronology printed in any other form than in New South.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec

October 29, 1959

Mrs. Will T. Griffin
4256 Holloway Drive
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Griffin:

We are so glad that you plan to be with us at the Work Shop and bring some others with you.

As for your route, I suggest you come through Chattanooga on to Marietta. Take highway 41 from Marietta and you will enter Atlanta on Northside Drive which is still 41. Continue south on Northside Drive until you reach Fair St., where you will make a right turn on Fair and drive to the first traffic light which is at Fair and Chestnut. Clark College is on the left. The meeting will be held in Kresge Hall on Clark's campus.

Looking forward to having you with us, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

October 29, 1959

Air Mail Special

Mrs. Sadie T. M. Alexander
Attorney
40 South Nineteenth Street
Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Alexander:

Your letter followed me about a while and finally reached me at a time when many things were happening. My secretary was out because of a death in her family and this was followed by the death of Mr. Tilly's sister, hence the delay in my reply to you.

I do appreciate your efforts in my behalf but I think you are the one that should get the honor. I have started many things and shoved them on other people to carry them through. There are many people working here in the South that deserve honors. There are many things that have happened by groups working together: the unhooding of the Klans of the South wasn't an easy job, but it came to be; getting a rural hospital, was another adventure that has come to pass; working in Washington to save the Farm Security Administration and out of it coming the Home Farm Loan Administration; the days spent in Detroit listening to the hearings on the difficulty between the auto workers and General Motors; being called to go to Israel with a group of five men came in a long distance call one December 26; a telephone call to serve on President Truman's Civil Rights Commission, etc., gives us some idea of how I happened to be involved in things. So I can't say I deserve any credit.

I am enclosing a sheet of the Fellowship of the Concerned and also some pages from an old copy of Collier's Weekly.

It may be entirely too late now for you to carry out your good intentions, but please know I do appreciate it and wish with all my heart that I had thought of recommending you for it.

With love and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/led

October 29, 1959

Miss Eleanor French
175 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Miss French:

Your reservation is made for you at Clark College.

There will be in our grpup some Catholics and some Jews as well as members of the various Protestant groups. The World Community Day, in its broadest sense, of course would take in all of these people.

In our workshop, one of the things we will consider besides school integration will be the place of the church in this picture. Many of our churches are planning to open private schools in their plants. The group will deside if this isn't flaunting the Supreme Court decision really as badly as any segregationist group.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

October 29, 1959

Mrs. E. U. Robinson
P. O. Box 140
Lebanon, Tennessee

Dear Ruth:

Why don't you come on to the Briarcliff Hotel on the 4th and meet with the Secretaries of Christian Social Relations of the Guild and then come with them that evening to my church and hear Mrs. Bender on U.N. You will have to pay your bill at the Briarcliff, for I do not have the connections there that I have at the Piedmont where you just sign for the bill. Of course put whatever it is for the night on your expense account.

I am not sure that I told you the Christmas Preparation Day will be on December 8, at Haygood, which is my church. We are looking for your worship service for the morning of the 5th. We will mimeograph it and have it ready to distribute to the group.

With the best of wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/lec

October 30, 1959

Editor, Sunday Magazine
New York Times
Times Square
New York 36, New York

Dear Sir:

We feel that Ralph McGill's article on "The Southern Churchmen", which recently appeared in the Sunday Magazine was extremely significant and could be of considerable use if widely circulated throughout the South.

Does the New York Times have any plan to reprint this article? If not, is any other agency planning to reprint? If the answer to all these questions is negative, may we have permission to reprint in considerable numbers.

Sincerely,

Paul Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

October 30, 1959

Reverend Hubert Beckwith
The Congregational Christian Church
  of Fairfax County
P. O. Box 186
Annandale, Virginia

Dear Mr. Beckwith:

Harold Fleming is away from the office. Therefore, I answer your letter of the 28th in order to get the enclosed $100 travel advance to you as soon as possible.

A reservation for the night of the 10th has been made for you at Atlanta University dormitory, 50 Chestnut Street, S. W.

We look forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1. (Check #740; $100.00)

October 30, 1959

Mr. Alfred O. Hero
Executive Secretary
World Peace Foundation
40 Mt. Vernon Street
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Hero:

Mr. Fleming has referred your letter to me for action. We discussed your request at some length here and are not sure we can be of any significant help to you.

The best that we can do at this point is to enclose the names of some persons with particular knowledge of the involvement of Negro Southerners and Jewish Southerners in the concerns that you raise. I am therefore including such a list of knowledgeable Southerners who I think would be happy to talk with you along the lines of your research.

We will, of course, be very happy to meet and talk with you further on your fact-finding trip through the South.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm
Encl.

List for Mr. Hero from Paul Rilling

Negro Leaders

Dr. Benjamin Mays, President
Morehouse College
Atlanta

Mr. Don Hollowell, Attorney.
859½ Hunter, N.W.
Atlanta

Mrs. Grace Hamilton
Executive Director
Atlanta Urban League
239 Auburn Avenue,
Atlanta

Dr. Whitney Young, Dean
School of Social Work
Atlanta University
Atlanta

Dr. Stephen Wright, President
Mr. Herman Long)- Race Relations
Mr. John Hope)- Department
Fisk University
Nashville, Tenn.

Dr. Philip (?) Wyatt, Dentist
(former state president, NAACP)
Fredericksburg, Virginia

Dr. James Colston, President
Knoxville College
Knoxville, Tennessee

Mr. I. H. Burney, Secretary
Afro American Life Ins. Company
P. O. Box 660
Jacksonville, Florida

Dr. Albert Dent, President
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Mr. John Wheeler, President
Mechanics & Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dr. Samuel Proctor, President
Virginia Union University
Richmond, Virginia

The Rev. Ed. Graham
Miami, Florida

The Rev. Martin L. King, Jr.
Montgomery, Alabama

The Rev. Joseph Lowry
Mobile, Alabama

Mr. Thomas W. Young, President
Norfolk Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

Dr. Thomas Henderson, Dean
Virginia Union University
Richmond, Virginia

Dr. C. G. Gomillion
Dean of Students
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee, Alabama

Jewish Leaders

Rabbi Charles Mantinband
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Mr. Charles Wittenstein
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Mrs. Moise Cahn
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Mr. Sylvan Meyer, Editor
Gainesville Times
Gainesville, Georgia

Mr. Morris Abram, Attny.
Healy Building
Atlanta, Georgia

October 30, 1959

Dr. Rufus Atwood
Kentucky Council on Human Relations
P. O. Box 338
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Atwood:

I very much enjoyed the opportunity of attending the Annual Meeting of the Kentucky Council in Frankfort recently. It was pleasant to get back to Kentucky, and I was very impressed with the spirit and general feeling of the meeting.

Your special projects on merit employment seem to be coming along quite well and will make a real contribution in Kentucky. We are watching these eagerly to learn ideas that can be applied in other states as they come to grips with these problems.

I am passing the program reports on projects to Les Dunbar, our Research Director here, who is keenly interested in such efforts, and who has been encouraging state groups to undertake more such projects.

I do hope that you were able to find some way to tap the fiscal well-springs of Kentucky more effectively in the future.

You will shortly be receiving a notice of our state staff meeting in January. Since Kentucky has no full-time Director, I do hope you can represent the state Council in this meeting, or if your schedule is too full, that someone appropriate can be on hand.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

October 30, 1959

Mrs. J. Watkins Dimon
2039-13th Street
Columbus, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Dimon:

It was an interesting and pleasant experience for me to meet with the Columbus Council and to have the opportunity of staying in your beautiful home.

I am sorry that I did not find the opportunity to talk a little more with you at the state meeting in Macon. I was anxious to know if there had been any more adverse publicity and how things were going in general. One of the men from Columbus indicated he had seen a brief write-up of the meeting by Mr. Tyson.

Frances Pauley has recently been to Columbus and brings back discouraging news concerning the Hope unit there, but I guess you are very close to that situation.

Let me know how your plans go for the year and if we can be of further service to you. My regards to Mr. Dimon, the boys, and the dog.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm
dictated, but not read

Reading file

JAMES M. DABBS, PRESIDENT
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October 30, 1959

Mrs. Gretchen Conduitte
Community Relations Librarian
Jacksonville Free Public Library
101 East Adams Street
Jacksonville 2, Florida

Dear Mrs. Conduitte:

In reply to your very kind letter of October 26, we do keep a record of sorts of Southern recreational facilities which have desegregated since 1954. It is largely compiled from the region's major press, and while we can't guarantee the completeness of the listing - publicity might have been purposely avoided in many instances; others may not have been picked up by the larger newspapers - I feel sure that in the Deep South states there are few desegregated recreational facilities not included on the enclosed list. On the other hand, in the border states, our listing is incomplete.

I know of no other source offering a more complete list.

In several communities, which we do not include in our tabulation, court orders for desegregation have been handed down but the facilities have been closed or sold or other evasive action has been taken. If your patron is interested in what information we have on the situation in these communities, please drop us a card.

We hope you will call on us at any time we may be of help.

Sincerely,

Marge Man

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

P.S. Two newsclips are also enclosed which may be of interest.

BEST COPY AVAILABLE

October 30, 1959

Mr. Lawrence S. Thompson
Director of Libraries
University of Kentucky
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Thompson:

We are pleased that you find our publications of interest and of use in the University Library. Your name is being added to our mailing list to receive all subsequent research publications.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

October 30, 1959

Mr. J. J. Knox, Principal
The Winona Colored High School
Winona, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Knox:

We are mailing you today the requested copy of our pamphlet, If the Schools Are Closed. There is no charge. We are also including some other materials which we believe will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

Mailed separately:
- If the Schools Are Closed
- The Negro and the Ballot
- Organizing to Save Public Schools
- New South, September, October 1959
- L Reports 8, 8A, 9, 10, 11

October 30, 1959

Mrs. Joe R. Brewer
Women's Emergency Committee
to Open Our Schools
Box 3244
Forest Heights Station
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Brewer:

We are forwarding ten copies of L-11 and would be glad to supply you with more as requested, even if it should require a second run.

It is no nuisance to speak to John Constable and Paul Rilling - they are practically at my elbows. Glad to have something useful to say to them.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Mailed separately:
10 - L-11

October 30, 1959

Mr. Nat R. Griswold, Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

If I can learn anything about the Southern Institute of Management or "its" study of the Atlanta Negro consumer I shall certainly let you know. It will do no good, however, for me to speak to Hammer and Company as you request. I happened to be talking to both Hammer and his first assistant a few weeks ago. I asked them at that time about this. Neither of them had ever heard of the institute nor any study of the Atlanta market.

But I shall keep asking around.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

October 30, 1959

Mr. Benjamin Muse
Box 312
Manassas, Virginia

Dear Ben:

We are mailing you today five copies of With Justice for All: A Guide for Law Enforcement Officers; we have a few more and can buy others if you would like to have them.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Mailed separately:
5 - With Justice for All

Enclosure: The South's Call to Greatness:
A Challenge to All Southerners

October 30, 1959

Mr. Creekmore Fath
Secretary-Treasurer
Democrats of Texas
P. O. Box 198
Austin 62, Texas

Dear Mr. Fath:

We are pleased to mail you, separately, three copies of The Negro and the Ballot in the South, as you requested. There is no charge; if additional copies are ordered, they will be .40 each.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

October 30, 1959

Mrs. J. W. Curry
401 North Coit Street
Florence, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Curry:

Mrs. Tilly says do come to the work shop even though you will have to leave Thursday night. We need you.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Luel E. Cummings
Secretary to Mrs. Tilly

/lec

October 30, 1959

Mr. Robert L. Abbey
Committee on Leaders and Specialists
1785 Massachusetts Avenue N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Mr. Abbey:

We will be happy to be of any possible assistance to Dr. and Mrs. Menon while they are in Atlanta, November 10 - 16.

Reservations have been made at the Atlantan Hotel in downtown Atlanta for those dates; minimum rates, $10 per day. The management of the hotel assures me there will be no difficulties.

Someone on our staff will meet the Menons at the airport on the 10th. As a matter of fact, the Annual Meeting of the Council (in essence, the Board of Directors) begins with a dinner at 7 p.m. on that day and we will suggest to the Menons that they may wish to join the group. The dinner is, of course, interracial and will give an excellent opportunity for the Menons to meet some of the outstanding persons in the South concerned with race relations and other matters. This informal occasion is planned in order that the Members of the Council can have an opportunity for fellowship before the serious business at hand begins. Therefore, the occasion would be a desirable one for visitors to join.

During the remainder of the week we will arrange, if possible, meetings with the Mayor, Dr. Clement, and others, as well as a tour of an automobile plant.

Finally, we are more than pleased to help but the visit could not come at a more inopportune time. In addition to our Board meeting, we will have two separate couples from South Africa - all for the full week 9-16. I trust we have corresponded together often enough that I may say, without fear of being misunderstood, that this "extra curricula" activity of ours closely approaches the old analogy of the tail wagging the dog - vigorously!

With all good wishes.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/sm

via air mail November 2, 1959

Mrs. Adele Levy
993 Fifth Avenue
New York 28, New York

Dear Mrs. Levy:

When I was in New York briefly last week, I was fortunate to have an hour with Mrs. Ascoli. She confirmed my assumption that there would be little point in the Southern Regional Council's applying for forther aid from the New York Fund for Children. It was made quite plain at the beginning that the three-year period of assistance, now expired, was a special diversion from the normal pattern of the Foundation and that a renewal should not be expected.

Mrs. Ascoli very generously promised a personal contribution to the Council, to be spread over the next five years, and she suggested that you might also be willing to help further in this way. I hope I may have an opportunity to discuss this with you when I am next in New York, and will be writing in due course for an appointment. Quite apart from the question of further assistance, I should like to tell you personally something of the Council's work and achievements since I saw you last. Meanwhile, I am enclosing a recent report of our program activities during the past year.

I shall never forget your kindness and generosity at our last meeting. The support of the New York Fund for Children, which you made possible, has been invaluable to the Council, and I sincerely hope that you and the other trustees feel that we have justified your confidence.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

November 2, 1959

Miss Frances A. DeJuliis
505 S. Rappola Street
Baltimore 24, Maryland

Dear Miss DeJuliis:

I am sorry that we no longer have the pamphlet, Understanding Our Neighbors; we are sending you some other materials which will be of help to you in your project on Racial Superiority and Intolerance.

In addition, we are suggesting the following, in case you do not know of them:

From the series of pamphlets on The Race Question in Modern Science, Race and Biology by L. C. Dunn, Racial Myths by Juan Comas, and The Roots of Prejudice by Arnold M. Rose. These can be obtained from UNESCO in New York, and they may be in your public library.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

Mailed separately:
L-8, Race and Intelligence
New South, Oct. and Sept., 1959
Next Steps in the South
Who Is a Subversive?

November 2, 1959

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, N. C.

Dear Mr. Wright:

I am enclosing a copy of Governor Vandiver's proclamation on the employment of the physically handicapped, issued in observance of NEPH Week, as it is called, this year. A direct request to each state's Governor's Committees on Employment of the Physically Handicapped seems to be the best way to obtain similar statements from other Southern governors, and last week we wrote North Carolina, South Carolina, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida and Texas. I will forward the replies to you as they are received in this office.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM:a
Enclosure:
Georgia Governor's statement

November 2, 1959

Mr. William W. Brickman
Society for the Advancement of Education
1834 Broadway
New York 23, New York

Dear Mr. Brickman:

We are mailing you under separate cover, a copy of INTIMIDATION REPRISAL AND VIOLENCE which covers the dates you mentioned on your card. However, we think you will be more interested in the additional report "BACKGROUND ON SCHOOL DESEGREGATION" which is also enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/bcc

November 2, 1959

Mrs. O. L. Tucker
308 East Texas Avenue
Ruston, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Tucker:

Following is the list of current materials concerning race relations published by the Southern Regional Council:

"The Negro and the Ballot in the South," 40 cents per single copy.

"Intimidation, Reprisal, and Violence in the South's Racial Crisis," 40 cents per single copy.

"A Background Report on School Desegregation for 1959-60," (mineographed), 20 cents per single copy.

"A Survery of Waiting Room Facilities in 21 Southern Cities," (mineographed), 10 cents per single copy.

"The Economic Effects of School Closings," single copy free on request.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec

Materials sent:
~~Latest New South~~
New South Promotion ✓
Negro and the Ballot ✓
Violence Report ✓
If the Schools Are Closed.. ✓
Economic Effects of School Closings
Why are You Fearful? ✓

November 2, 1959

Rev. Gordon E. Watt
Church of God in Christ, Inc.
78 Olney Street
Providence, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Watt:

Thank you for your letter concerning the Council and its work. I am sending you, under separate cover, some information on the Council plus some of our recent literature. I am also placing your name on our mailing list for future material.

You may be interested in our magazine, New South, the latest copy which I am enclosing. The mailing list I have placed you on entitles you to receive all of our material excluding New South.

Best wishes for you and your organization.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC;lec

Same ltr. to:
B. E. Mays
Element Eaton
Francis Pickens Miller
Roland Frye
Gideon Fryer
C. Vann Woodward

Wmsburgh Mtg.

November 2, 1959

Mr. Paul Green
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Green:

May I express to you my personal thanks for your attendance at our recent conference at Williamsburg. You took two days out of what I am sure is a busy life. I hope you feel that the results were worthwhile. For myself, I am very happy over the outcome of the conference. Maybe we only opened the field, but it's a great field.

The Southern Regional Council will keep you informed of further developments, and would appreciate your passing on to us any suggestions you may have.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

J. M. Dabbs
President

JMD/mf

PERSONAL November 2, 1959

Mr. David Freeman
Rockefeller Brothers Fund
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York

Dear Dave:

I hope the enclosed will serve well enough as our request for further support from the Ottinger Foundation for 1960. The "Report of the Executive Director," also enclosed, gives a reasonably comprehensive account of our activities during the past year, and I am also sending our budget and financial projections for 1960.

I am mindful of your saying that it may be a while before this can be considered.

Many thanks, as always, for your steady help and good counsel.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures: 2 Requests (Ottinger Foundation)
2 Program Reports, 1959
2 Proposed Budgets, 1960

AIR MAIL November 2, 1959

Mrs. Max Ascoli
20 Gramercy Park, South
New York 2, New York

Dear Mrs. Ascoli:

You were very kind to see me last week and to promise your own contribution to the Council over the next five years. An annual contribution of $1,000 for a five-year period beginning 1960 is both a generous and an effective way to assist the organization -- qualities which I have come to expect of you.

I hope this letter with its enclosures may serve as our written request to you. Enclosed are a copy of our current program report for 1959 and a copy of our budget and financial projections for 1960. As usual, an audited financial statement will be sent after the turn of the year. If there is anything further you would like to see, please let me know.

If I may add a personal note, it is always a pleasure to see you and Dr. Ascoli. I hope I may do so again soon -- without the need to talk Council finances. Meanwhile, my very best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures.
Program Repott, 1959
Proposed Budget, 1960

via air mail November 2, 1959

Mr. Benjamin Muse
Manassas,
Virginia

Dear Ben:

I am terribly sorry to hear of your brother's sudden death. It must have been a heavy blow to you, especially since it happened so unexpectedly.

All of your friends here at SRC join me in sending you whatever comfort our sympathy can give.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCFmf

November 2, 1959

The Rev. Carl Ficken, Jr.
Lutheran Theological Seminary
7301 Germantown Avenue
Philadelphia 19, Pa.

Dear Mr. Ficken:

We are mailing you today, separately, some materials which we believe will be helpful to you in preparing your Christian Ethics course. Enclosed is a copy of our Leadership Report, L-1, which will give you the desired information concerning the principles, purposes and activities of the Southern Regional Council.

For information on present racial conditions in the South and progress in integration, we are sending a copy of our Background Report on School Desegregation for 1959-60, and two copies of our monthly magazine, New South. The September issue tells of our survey of waiting room facilities, and the October issue of Negro registration and voting and the private school plan.

Also in the September issue is an article by Chester Bowles on race relations from an international and national point of view.

The role of the churches in integration is difficult to document, because a great deal of it is carried on quietly and steadily without any publicity. All the major religious bodies have issued statements as to their stand, and we have included these statements. In addition, we have two pamphlets put out respectively by the Friends Service Committee and the Race Relations Department of the Congregational Christian Churches: Race and Conscience in America; Fellowship for Whom? Most of the denominations have either

Departments or Commissions on Race Relations, and it may be they have pamphlets or study courses which they would send you.

In addition to the above, we are suggesting some articles and books which we have found informative and useful: The Southern Temper, by William Peters, Chapter 2, dealing with southern churchwomen; The Racial Problem in Christian Perspective, by Kyle Haselden; Christians in Racial Crisis, by T. F. Pettigrew and Ernest Q. Campbell; a series of articles by John Wicklein which ran in the New York Times July 5, 6, 7 and 8, 1959 on the general subject of churches in the South; "The Agony of the Southern Minister," by Ralph McGill, which ran in the magazine of the New York Times on September 27, 1959.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

Enclosed: L-1
Out of Conviction

Mailed separately:
Religious Bodies and the Supreme Court, 1957
New South, Oct. 1956; April 1957; Feb., June, Dec. 1958; Sept., Oct. 1959
Race and Conscience in America
Fellowship for Whom?
Background Report, 1959-60

November 2, 1959

Mr. Nathaniel Griswold
Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

I was glad to have the opportunity to finally get to Little Rock and see you on your home base. Your general office set up has created strong pangs of jealousy in me. You have the largest and most conveniently arranged office of any of our operations, including this one.

I have not heard from John Walker since talking to him on the phone. I am sorry we could not have been of more service to him and hope he will be able to work out something to his satisfaction.

We are quite anxious to hear as soon as the young Turks determine whether to offer a candidate in the coming election. I hope you will keep us informed on this.

I am enclosing all the information we could pull together concerning the use of special staff or committees by school boards to facilitate desegregation. It isn't much, but I hope it will help.

I hope to see you both at the state staff meeting in January.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

Enc.

November 2, 1959

Mrs. Jane Reif
1912 McDowell Rd.
Norfolk 13, Va.

Dear Mrs. Reif:

The manuscript has gone off to Dan Bowers and I hope that this means it will soon get to the printers. Actually, though I know your patience has been strained, the delay probably has not hurt anything and may be an advantage. At any rate, let's believe so.

I repeat that this is a good job; I am more than a little sorry that it will not bear the SRC imprint, because I think we would be very well represented by it.

You will think the cuts have been ruthless, and I honestly regret some of them myself. I don't have to tell you, though, that a publication of this sort stands or falls on its over-all effect, and we are convinced that the shortened report will be more effective. I tried very hard not to edit this in such a way as to distort or change your meaning in any place except as indicated in the explanations. This is as good a place as any to say that if you cannot agree with some of the editing, please send your objections to me, possibly with a copy to Dan Bowers. We want this to be a publication which not only we but you are proud of.

With exceptions as noted, all the cuts were made merely in the interest of space. A few changes were made for purely technical reasons, such as grammar, etc. These will be apparent to you and need not be discussed.

The two cuts made for reasons other than space were the following: a) the passages about the NCPS role in the court suit; b) paragraphs on pages 55 and 56 about rumor. As for the first, I explained the reasons to you on the phone this morning.

There is the question of whether we are not laying the basis for accusations against the NCPS for illegal operations. We are not lawyers and haven't sought legal advice, but it would be non-lawyers also who would raise the charges, if any. In the 1956 extra session of the Virginia legislature, it passed new and stronger barratry, maintenance and running and capping laws. Chapters (~~pages~~ 33, 35, 36). Even if what you wrote did not amount to a implication of illegality, it does, we think, put the NCPS in the rather unfavorable light of publicly saying one thing, privately doing another. No one is suggesting that this is avoidable, but we don't think that this close to the event the NCPS would want its friends to say publicly that this was the way NCPS operated. Similarly, for the paragraph on rumor. Whatever other merits or demerits these paragraphs may have (and we frankly don't think they add to your story) they strike a sensitive nerve here, inasmuch as we are, at considerable effort and expense, engaged through our L reports in raising the economic alarm. We are naturally a little dubious about sponsoring the implication that we are manufacturing an issue.

Now for some more particular points:

Page 1, last line - I didn't see that your sentence had any concrete meaning and I tried to give it one. If you agree with what I have written, let it go; if not, please suggest change.

Page 5 - Although you discuss the role of the school board at a later point, we do think that a few lines characterizing the role of the board and its leadership should be inserted in the second paragraph, or following it, and that some mention should be made here of Superintendent Brewbaker; for several reasons, we would hope that your comment about Mr. Brewbaker would be a favorable one, but you will write it as you see fit.

PLEASE MAIL THESE FEW LINES TO DAN BOWERS WITH INSTRUCTIONS AS TO WHERE THEY ARE TO BE INSERTED.

Pages 11 to 13, and page 32 - As I have cut these, we think they are all right; even though Mr. Brewer has read the manuscript, I think it would be worthwhile for him to look at these pages again.

Page 17 - I am assuming that the lady stated to someone or to you that pressure had been put on her husband. If, however, it was no such direct statement, and what you have written is an inference, then it should be presented as such. I leave this to your judgement.

Page 34 - We think you should consider, or have Mr. Brewer consider, the advisability of deleting the second paragraph "one of the nicest things, etc." Again, it is a question of the public image of the NCPS. You say that the committee refused Negro contributions, but cite an example of an acceptance even though believed to be a Negro contribution. If you on the scene have no objection, we haven't. I did think we ought to call it to your attention. You make the point in the preceding paragraph that a lot of anonymous contributions were received and that they probably came from Negroes; do you need the quotation that follows?

Page 70 - How did the three defenders finish in the primary? It can't be the way you have written. PLEASE WRITE DAN BOWERS THE CORRECT FIGURES.

There is, I think, only one other thing to be added and that is a few lines, written just before this goes to the printer, bringing up to date the legal developments. You have done so much already that I'll offer to do this, unless of course you would prefer to.

It has been a great pleasure working with you on this, and I hope a satisfying one to you as well. Norfolk has been written about a great deal; Paul Rilling tells me there is a piece in the current Red Book magazine, and I have just myself read Luther Carter's article in the South Atlantic Quarterly, Aubumn 1959. There were also, as I am sure you know, the articles in Commentary and the Atlantic. But I think yours is far and away the best of the lot.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

November 2, 1959

Mr. Daniel A. Bowers
Virginia Council on Human Relations
216-C Broad-Grace Arcade Building
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Dan:

As you know by now, we did not get the manuscript off last week as I promised, but herewith I turn it over to you. We kept it so long that any suggestion of a hurry-up would be unseemly, but I know you are interested in moving it along as quickly as possible.

As you will see, we have cut it fairly hard. I am enclosing a copy of my letter to Jane Reif with explanations of the cust. On the whole I think it is a good job and I believe Paul Rilling and Harold Fleming more-or-less agree.

I believe one additional thing is needed, and another thing desirable. Just before this goes to the printer, there ought to be added a few sentences in a paragraph bringing up to the minute the legal developments in Norfolk; I can take care of this if you wish. Secondly, I believe it would be desirable for Mr. Beckwith, or you, to write a brief (half-page) foreword, indicating the purpose which you wish to serve in publishing this pamphlet.

Jane Reif tells me that Mr. Brewer read the whole manuscript and has a copy of it. We still think that one or two points should be discussed with him. These are indicated in my letter to the author.

As to further procedure, I suggest that you get this to the printer (David Scull?) as soon as you have reviewed it; write or call me of course if there are any questions you wish to discuss before printing. If you wish we are prepared to do the proof-reading. You should ask the printer for two sets of galleys--

one to be sent to Mrs. Reif, and the other to us or to you, depending upon who is proof-reading. As I said to you on the phone, I think a printing job comparable to our usual SRC pamphlets is in order. I think the printer will probably furnish you a colored stock for a cover with one color superimposed upon it at a reasonable cost. As we had agreed, SRC, which has already paid the author's expenses, will pay one-half of the printing cost for 2,500 copies. Whatever quantity you may order, therefore, please get a quote on 2,500. Would 500 copies as our share be reasonable and fair?

Best wishes, and will be interested to get your reaction.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Enclosure: manuscript
CC- Letter to Jane Reif

November 3, 1959

Dr. Harry Meserve
Rockefeller Brothers Fund
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York

Dear Harry:

Here are copies of some newspaper stories and a few letters to supplement what I have sent you for the Southern Leadership Project file. Most of these are reactions to the "L" reports which have been prepared and distributed as part of the project.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

November 3, 1959

Dr. Joshua Fishman
Albert M. Greenfield Center
of Human Relations
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Dr. Fishman:

We have heard from Mrs. Jane Reif, of Norfolk, that you have recently completed a report on Mobile, Alabama and that you are engaged in studies of other southern localities. We would consider it a great privilege if we could receive copies of your reports.

If we may be of any assistance to you in your research, I hope you will call upon us.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

November 3, 1959

Professor L. M. N. Bach
Department of Physiology
School of Medicine
Tulane University
New Orleans 18, Louisiana

Dear Professor Bach:

Mr. Wm. P. Fidler has written, requesting that we send to you a copy of our executive director's recent report to our board. It is enclosed, together with a background report on school desegregation which may be of interest to you.

If you would like to see others of our publications, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
CC: Mr. Wm. P. Fidler
Enclosure:
  Report of Executive Director
  Background Report

November 4, 1959

Florida State University Press
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Sirs:

We would like very much to receive a copy of the study by Sidney Kobre in 1957: "Behind Shocking Crime Headlines; Searching Probe into Juvenile, Adult Crime and Prisons." Please bill us for any charges.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

November 4, 1959

Dr. Walter P. Barnes, Jr.
724 Hemlock Street
Macon, Georgia

Dear Dr. Barnes:

We are pleased to send you the requested copies of our pamphlet, If the Schools Are Closed. There is no charge to you; additional copies will be .25 each.

Because of your interest in schools, we are taking the liberty of enclosing with the pamphlets several of our Leadership Reports which we believe will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

Mailed separately:
3 If the Schools Are Closed
L Reports - 5, 9, 8, 10, 11

November 4, 1959

Mr. Harvey B. Schechter
Anti-Defamation League
of B'nai B'rith
Suite 217, 590 North Vermont Ave.
Los Angeles 4, California

Dear Mr. Schechter:

We are pleased to mail you today the requested additional copies of The Negro and the Ballot in the South. Thank you for your comment that you find it fascinating.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

Mailed separately:
2 - The Negro and the Ballot
1 - Background Report
1 - New South, October 1959

November 4, 1959

Professor Elliott M. Rudwick
School of Social Welfare
The Florida State University
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Professor Rudwick:

We wish you the best of luck on your survey. We are glad to have been able to cooperate in a small way with you. If we can be of further assistance in later stages of your project, please let me know. We shall be interested in learning the results.

Our check for $25.00 is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Enclosure: check

November 4, 1959

Mr. John Yungblut
American Friends Service Committee
1608 Government Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Yungblut:

We were very happy to learn that you are to be in Baton Rouge. There is certainly great need for this kind of work.

I am enclosing a list of contacts in Mississippi and Louisiana which I trust will be of help to you.

Please let us know if there is any way we can be of further help.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

via air mail November 5, 1959

Hon. Francis Pickens Miller
Box 3665
University Station
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Francis:

Many thanks for your letter and reimbursement for the personal expense at Williamsburg.

I can't tell you how much I enjoyed meeting you, at long last, and having a chance to discuss "The problem" with you. I have corresponded with Ben Muse about your suggestion that a really good account of the change of direction in Virginia is needed. Ben is enthusiastic about the idea and clearly would like to take it on himself, time permitting. I will talk to him further about it next week and will keep you advised.

May I say, too, how pleased we are that you have consented to have your name placed in nomination at the Council's annual meeting next week. I can think of few people whose membership would mean as much to this effort.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 5, 1959

Mr. Jerome McFarland
1440 F Spartan Village
East Lansing, Michigan

Dear Mr. McFarland:

Many of us might wish that we could help you with your paper by supplying information on F.E.P.C. in the South. I think the report has to be, however, that there is no F.E.P.C. in the South, nor any likely prospect in any Southern state. There has been recent interest, on a rather larger scale than usual, in getting the facts on job discrimination; still, however, the endeavors are modest and findings are few. As you may know, the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights has decided to broaden its investigations during the next two years and will probe into employment conditions. In at least two Southern states, the commission's advisory committees have already done some fact-finding. These two are North Carolina and Tennessee. But nowhere is there at present any active interest in F.E.P.C. statutes.

Several private organizations - notably the Urban League and the American Friends Service Committee - are carrying on programs of merit employment in the South. If you are interested in such private efforts, you may wish to write these groups.

If we can be of any other help to you, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
CC: Fred Routh

November 5, 1959

Mrs. L. Lucille Chappelle
Administrative Secretary
Dept. of Research & Community Projects
National Urban League, Inc.
14 East 48th Street
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Chappelle:

We are pleased to send you today the requested complimentary copies of our pamphlets for use in your research library.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
Background Report
The Negro and the Ballot

November 5, 1959

Mr. Howard W. Rogerson
Commission on Civil Rights
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rogerson:

Your letter of October 8 enquired about written materials on the subjects of Law Enforcement and Employment. As we stated in our acknowledgment of October 20, we have not a great deal to offer. Such as it is, however, appears to be as follows:

Law Enforcement

1. We have clipping files which go back a number of years. These are available for your examination at any time.

2. Several SRC publications have dealt with the subject in one aspect or another; these are enclosed: (Enclosure A)
   A. F. Miller and M. Hill, Safety, Security and the South
   Race and Law Enforcement
   Pro-Segregation Groups in the South
   "Race Hatred Gets a Hearing" New South, December-January, 1947-48
   "How Secure in the Right to Safety of the Person," New South, March 1949
   "The Irvington Story," New South, July 1949
   "Mobile Violence," New South, August 1949
   "Negro Policemen in Southern Cities," New South, September 1949
   Same, New South, September-October 1950
   "Negro Police in the South," New South, 1952 Sept.
   Same, New South, October-November, 1953

Paul Anthony, "Pro-Segregation Groups, History and Trends," New South, January 1957
A. F. Miller, "Violence: It Need Not Happen," New South, March 1958

3. I believe you have a copy of our recent pamphlet, Intimidation, Reprisal and Violence. That report covered a period ending December 31, 1958. The enclosed notes seek to bring the record up to date. (Enclosure B)

4. The Council a few years ago undertook a study of the administration of justice in Southern courts, using a sample of six counties, and the time period 1949-54. The field work was done by a group of Haverford students, and the results were analyzed by researchers at the University of North Carolina. As you will see from the enclosed document (Enclosure C), the findings were not considered adequate to support any conclusive generalizations; hence nothing was published. The field reports are available for your examination.

5. O. C. Johnson, "Is the Punishment of Rape Equally Administered to Negroes and Whites in the State of Louisiana" (Enclosure D)

6. We are currently at work on a revised report on pro-segregation groups in the South, and should be through with it before the end of the year. A copy will be mailed to you then.

7. Mr. Elliott M. Rudwick, Assistant Professor, Corrections, of Florida State University, is engaged, with some little support from us, in a new survey of Negro policemen in the South. He has only this month sent out his questionnaires. You may wish to get in touch with him.

8. The Legislative Research Commission of Kentucky has been issuing a series of impressive monographs on Kentucky law and administration. The following may interest you; I assume you could write for copies:

Criminal Procedure - Research Publication 68
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9. Human Relations and Effective Police Action, New Orleans Police Department (Enclosure E)

10. Report on a Study of Negro Police Made by The Jefferson County Coordinating Council (Enclosure F)

11. Here are some titles of theses, etc., which might be of interest to you:

Garfinkle, Harold. Inter-racial and intra-racial homicide in ten counties in North Carolina, 1930-1940. 1942. University of North Carolina Masters Thesis.

Nash, Grace Rosetta. Homicides in Atlanta, Georgia, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1944. Atlanta University Masters Thesis.

Wisdom, Mary Louise. Homicides in a southern metropolis, Atlanta, Georgia, 1950-54. 1956. Atlanta University Masters Thesis.

Bailey, Lottie Louise. Negro women prisoners in Atlanta, Georgia: a study of arrest and detention in the municipal prison, 1937. 1938. (Atlanta University Masters Thesis.)

Larkins, John Rodman. A study of Negro Parolees. Raleigh. North Carolina State Board of Public Welfare, 1944. 66 p. Information bulletin 23.

Alexander, Robert Israel. A study of twenty-five Negro boys of the Juvenile Court of Wake County and Raleigh, North Carolina, June 9, 1947 to September 9, 1947. 1948. Atlanta University Masters Thesis.

Allen, Louise Lydia. A study of juvenile probation as it affects treatment of juvenile delinquents in Fulton County, Georgia, 1930-44. 1946. Atlanta University Masters Thesis.

Beard, William Louis. A study of twenty-five delinquent boys committed to the Alabama Reform School at Mount Meigs, Alabama, January 1946 - January 1947. 1948. Atlanta University Masters Thesis.

Bradshaw, Joseph Elton. A study of the background of thirty cases of Negro boys known to the clinic of the juvenile court, Washington, D. C. from July 1, 1944 to June 30, 1945. 1947. Atlanta University Masters Thesis.

Brown, Charles Hansen. A study of sixty-two juvenile delinquents known to the Juvenile Court of McCracken County, Paducah, Kentucky, January 1, 1944 - December 31, 1944. 1948. Atlanta University Masters Thesis.

Douglas, Nellie Inez. The ecological distribution of juvenile delinquency in Oklahoma City, 1944 and 1946. 1949. Atlanta University Masters Thesis.

Duconge, Oscar Norbet. A study of fifty-one boys committed to the Municipal Boys Home, New Orleans, Louisiana, July through December, 1946. 1949. Atlanta University Masters Thesis.

Gordon, Rubye Beryl. The development of the juvenile court in Georgia. 1941. (Atlanta University Masters Thesis.

Ivory, James Harold. A study of twenty-five Negro delinquents of the Fulton County Juvenile Court, Atlanta, Georgia, 1946-47. 1948. Atlanta University Masters Thesis.

Kelley, Ruby Mitchell. An analysis of the factors associated with the delinquency of twenty-five girls committed to the Georgia Training School for Negro girls for 1943-47. 1948. Atlanta University Masters Thesis.

Tynes, Reginald Stanton. A study of fifty-five cases of offenders aged sixteen through eighteen, where the taking of a narcotic drug was an associate factor to their delinquent behavior. 1952. Atlanta University Masters Thesis.

Employment

1. Again, we have clipping files which are available for your examination.

2. In 1956, we commissioned Hammer & Company to do for us a study of Southern industrial change. Although this does not deal directly with the employment question, it does provide some unusually helpful insights into the job supply. Unfortunately, there is only one copy; it could be examined here, or we perhaps could mail it to you on short loan.

3. The Kentucky Council on Human Relations is near completion of a modest but quite interesting study of merit employment in Lexington and Louisville. For information, you might write to Dr. Rufus Atwood, President, Kentucky State College, Frankfort.

4. B. D. Segal, Accent on the South (Enclosure G)

5. Professor Donald Dewey (Economics, Duke) is preparing for us a pamphlet on the effects of segregation on the Southern manpower supply: completion is expected in Spring, 1960.

6. The North Carolina Council on Human Relations is near completion of a study of merit employment in Durham. You may wish to write to Mr. Harry Jones, the Council's Director: 121 E. Third Street, Rm. 209, Charlotte.

7. "Negro Municipal Workers in the South," Harold O. DeWitt, New South, May-June, 1951. (Enclosure H)

8. Here are some titles which may be of interest to you:

Barton, Kenneth Everett. A comparative study by race of occupational changes among gainfully employed Atlanta workers from 1930 to 1940; and statistically treated occupational information on employment patterns in twenty-five Atlanta business firms from 1941 to April 1948. 1948. Atlanta University Masters Thesis.

Gaston, Edward A. A history of the Negro wage earner in Georgia, 1890-1940. Emory University, 1957. Ph.D. Dissertation.

Charles, Albert Weeks, Jr. Negro employment patterns in Lee County, Alabama. 1951. Alabama Polytechnic Institute Masters thesis. 1953. 117 p.

Cherry, James L. A study of the employment patterns of Negroes in selected occupations in Dade County, Fla. Florida A. & M. College, Masters Thesis. 1956-57.

Cooper, Benjamin Walter. An analysis of Negro and white placements by employment agencies in Fulton County. 1941. Atlanta University Masters Thesis.

Griffin, Twyler Wenona. A study of employment changes since the close of World War II and how these changes affect 100 persons seeking services at the U. S. Employment Office in Atlanta, Georgia. 1946. Atlanta University Masters Thesis.

Hancock, Faye Elizabeth. Occupational opportunity for Southern women. A descriptive picture of women at work in the South in 1940. 1946. University of North Carolina Doctoral Dissertation. By race.

Kiser, Vernon Benjamin. Occupational changes among Negroes in Durham, North Carolina, 1942. Duke University Masters Thesis. 137 pages.

Lee, LaVerne Lillian. The Negro Woman Worker. 1946. Atlanta University Masters Thesis.

May, Agnes Elizabeth. Employment of women in domestic and personal service--with special reference to Negro women in Atlanta, Georgia. Atlanta University Masters Thesis. 1939.

Moore, Katie Elizabeth. A job analysis of thirty Negro group workers in Atlanta, Georgia, and their attitudes toward their work. 1947. Atlanta University Masters Thesis.

Robinson, Florence Ann. A study of the occupational choices of the Negro women of the senior classes in Atlanta colleges, 1940-41, in relation to possible employment. 1941. Atlanta University Masters Thesis.

Thompson, Robert Albert, Jr. A statistical study of occupations of native whites, foreign born whites, and Negroes, from 1890 to 1930. 1936. Atlanta University Masters Thesis.

Toyer, Frances Aurelia. A survey of Negro business units and the employment opportunities afforded by such units in Houston, Texas. 1942. Atlanta University Masters Thesis.

Usher, Bazoline Estelle. The occupations of Negro high school graduates in Atlanta, Georgia, 1957. Atlanta University Masters Thesis.

Carson, Loftus Clayborne. The Negro and the practice of law, 1953. Fisk University Thesis.

Cobb, William Montague. Progress and portents for the Negro in Medicine. New York, Nat'l Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 1948. 53 p.

Dummett, Clifton Orrin. The growth and development of the Negro in dentistry in the United States. Chicago, National Dental Association, 1942. 124 p.

Garth, Charles Edward. Negroes in medicine in a southern city. Atlanta, Georgia, 1956. (Atlanta University Masters Thesis.)

Goodloe, Jaunita Jewel. The Negro doctor in the Negro Community. 1951. Fisk University Thesis.

King, Annie B. Jackson. The Negro in Banking, 1865 to 1945. 1948. Atlanta University Masters Thesis.

Walker, Helen Edith. The Negro in the medical profession. University of Virginia Masters Thesis in Sociology, 1948. 102 p.

Normile, John F. A study of the background of Negroes listed in Who's Who in America for 1950 and 1951. North Carolina. Agricultural and Technical College, Masters Thesis, 1952-53.

Richardson, Kathryn Elyzabeth. An analytical study of Negroes listed in 1936-37 edition of Who's Who in America. 1938. Atlanta University Masters Thesis.

Bailey, Julius Brown. The Negro worker in the economic development of the South, 1940-1950. 1958. Atlanta University Masters Thesis.)

Baxter, Madeline E. Negro education as viewed in The Outlook (1893-1935). 1951. University of North Carolina Ph.D. thesis. An attempt is made to show how, as the Negro became economically independent, he became a responsible part of the life in the South.

Billings, Celestine Taylor. A study of social and economic factors affecting one hundred families who moved into Highpoint Apartments, November 3-28, 1950. 1951. Atlanta Masters Thesis.

Dawson, Sallye J. A survey of the American Negro's social, economic, and political status from 1610 to 1955. Clark University Masters Thesis, 1954-1955.

Zeman, Morton. A quantitative analysis of white-nonwhite income differentials in the United States. Chicago, University of Chicago, 1955. Microfilm.

American Management Association. The Negro worker; an analysis of management experience and opinion on the employment and integration of the Negro in industry. New York 1942. 32 pages.

Seidenberg, Jacob. Negroes in the work group; a study of selected employment practices in New York State. Ithaca, N. Y. State School of Industry and Labor Relations, Cornell University, N. Y. State School of I. & L. Relations, Res. bulletin no. 6.

Taliaferro, Alyce. Occupational shifts of urban Negro white collar workers in six selected cities during the depression. 1951. Fisk University Thesis.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

November 5, 1959

Mrs. A. C. Bateman
The Methodist Church
Editorial Division-
Board of Education
201 Eighth Avenue, South
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Bateman:

Thank you for your letter concerning your NEW SOUTH subscription.

Since the Board of Education- Editorial Division has been so generous to the Council, we have entered four complimentary subscriptions to your organization. And so it is unnecessary for you to renew subscriptions at all. We think your generous contribution more than covers these four subscriptions.

With many best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/bcc

BC: Emory F. Via

via air mail November 5, 1959

Mr. Joseph Mire
Executive Director
National Institute of Labor
Education
Box 2215
Madison 51 Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Mire:

I am most grateful for your invitation to participate in your conference of November 17-20 and wish mightily that I could accept. Unfortunately, I have a long-standing speaking engagement in Miami on November 18, which with several other lesser appointments make it impossible.

My hearty congratulations on the new grant that will enable you to activate two of the planned programs. The Field Foundation turndown, however, was a sore blow. I will be on the lookout for foundation interest that might lead to a grant for the race relations project.

My best regards to you and to Emory Via.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 5, 1959

Dr. E. A. McDowell
Southeastern Baptist Theological
  Seminary
Wake Forest, North Carolina

Dear Dr. McDowell:

Many thanks for your recent letter suggesting Rev. W. W. Finlator and Rev. Thomas J. Holmes as nominees for membership in the Council. Since the bylaws require the Nominating Committee to meet at least sixty days before the Annual Meeting, the slate of nominees for the six new vacancies this year has already been set.

Of course, it is possible to make alternative nominations from the floor; although this is seldom done, it is perfectly in order. Otherwise, your suggestions will be put before next year's Nominating Committee.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 5, 1959

Mr. Jacob Schlitt
Field Representative
Jewish Labor Committee
25 East 78th Street
New York 21, New York

Dear Jake:

We are glad to have the list of your field staff and will see that they are put on our mailing list.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 6, 1959

Dear Mrs. Murphy:

Enclosed is a list of persons who have requested a room at Atlanta University for the night of November 10th. Inevitably, a few persons show up without having written, so I hope it will be possible for you to hold open several extra rooms.

On Tuesday night - the 10th - we are having an informal dinner for those members who have arrived by that time. Some forty persons should be present for the dinner at 7:00 p.m., in the A. U. dining hall. We would be most pleased to have you join us for this occasion. I know you are acquainted with a number of persons who will be present and I hope it will be possible for you to join us.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

Mrs. Josephine D. Murphy
Bumstead Hall
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

November 6, 1959

Dear Mrs. Anderson:

We have today sent to Mrs. Murphy a list of those persons who have requested reservations at A. U. for the night of the 10th.

At 7:00 p.m., on the 10th, we are having an informal dinner of members and friends of the Council at the A. U. Dining Hall. We certainly consider you a friend of the Council, and would be pleased to have you join us for this occasion.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

Mrs. Gertrude Anderson
Bumstead Hall
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

via air mail November 6, 1959

Mr. W. H. Ferry
Center for the Study of Democratic
Institutions
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
Box 4068
Santa Barbara, California

Dear Ping:

Blessings on you for those kind words and your willingness to plug for SRC in any quarter. We have been in touch with Mrs. Eddy and Taconic; a good word from you there will be much appreciated, and I'll take you up on the generous invitation to use your name elsewhere.

I hope the new set-up there is as pleasant and as stimulating as it sounds. Please give my best to my other friends there, and a special greeting to old Comrade-in-Arms Ashmore.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 9, 1959

Miss Mildred Kiefer
Public Relations Director
American Travel Association
11 West 42nd Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Mildred:

Thanks for remembering -- I am impressed. In defense of my own clarity of mind, I remembered to send Jerry that old memorandum of Emory Via's on the Jacksonville situation.

I have put out my lines on the Riverview Housing Development and will pass on to you anything I find out.

You can be sure I will turn up there one of these days, soon I hope. Meanwhile, why don't you figure out how you can get me a free ride to some exotic foreign land?

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 9, 1959

Professor Joseph Tanenhaus
Department of Government
New York University
New York, N. Y.

Dear Joe:

Why do our paths cross so seldom? At any rate, it's all the better when they do. I read your paper yesterday; many thanks for providing it. Frankly, I'm too lazy either to try to understand your statistics or to feel conscience stricken over my ignorance. But I am a tolerant man, even with those things which I cannot understand. And if somehow it seems incongruous to me for the career of a Supreme Court Justice to be reduced to a mathematical equation or a square root, I nonetheless admire the man who can do so. Whenever I next get to New York, maybe you can instruct me, though probably my tolerance exceeds my educability.

For your possible interest I am sending you a couple of things we have recently put out.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Mailed separately:
The Negro and the Ballot in the South
New South, October 1959
Background Report on School Desegregation for 1959-60

November 9, 1959

Mr. John Snell
Biltmore Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Snell:

In response to a telephone request by Mr. George Iggers, we searched our files for cities with hotels which accommodate desegregated banquest meetings. Unfortunately, we have not been able to turn up too many which are not generally known. Of course, Gattinburg, Tennessee, and Williamsburg, Virginia, are two integrated ones and I understand hotels in Louisville and Miami generally accept integrated meetings. The only other information we found concerning this matter is that first rate hotels in St. Louis such as the Statler, Lennox, Sheraton-Jefferson, Coronado and Kingsway and the two largest downtown hotels in Tulsa, Oklahoma, accept integrated meetings.

I am sorry that this is not much, but I believe if your organization consulted hotels far enough in advance many of them would accept your meeting on such a basis.

With very best wishes for the Southern Historical Association meeting.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec

November 9, 1959

Air Mail

The Rev. William Williams
Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
4241 S.W. 109 Court
Miami, Florida

Dear Bill:

It was good to see you again during my recent trip to Miami. We fully recognize here the pressures you are under this month and our good wishes are very much with you. I realize that even if we all do everything we can, we cannot expect miracles, except a little one, which is all we need.

I have one bit of bad news for you. Paul Anthony now finds he cannot be with you the fourth day, the day originally scheduled for conferences in Miami. He can still make the three scheduled meetings the 23rd, 24th, and 25th, but will have to be back in the office the 26th. We know that you have since planned to use Paul at another meeting that day, but his commitments here have become too tight for this.

Let me know if there is anything else we can do to help.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

MEMORANDUM November 9, 1959

To: Harold Fleming
From: Paul Rilling

Re: Burnsville Situation

Miss Hill of the Burnsville Educational Project reports that gifts for educational purposes can be channeled through the Griffith's Methodist Church.

The pastor is the Rev. J. H. Williams of 535 Daisy Avenue, Waynesville, North Carolina. He is reported as being very interested in the project but uninvolved because of distance factors. They are quite sure that he will cooperate perfectly. The treasurer of the church is Mr. Ted Jackson. Mr. Jackson suggests that any donations be sent to him. He has a child involved and was instrumental in setting up the classes in the church basement. He and several other members of the church board of trustees guarantee proper handling of any donations.

Miss Hill suggests that we also inform her if and when such donations are sent so that she may check with Mr. Jackson and make sure such actions are coordinated.

Donations should go to Mr. Ted Jackson, Treasurer, Griffith's Methodist Church, Star Route, Burnsville, North Carolina.

November 9, 1959

Dr. A. Dudley Ward
Board of Social and Economic Relations
The Methodist Church
740 Rush Street
Chicago 11, Illinois

Dear Mr. Ward:

We have referred your letter of October 29 to Mr. Robert A. Thompson, Housing Secretary of the Atlanta Urban League. We know of no one better able to advise you than he, and you will be hearing from him soon.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
CC: Robert A. Thompson

November 9, 1959

Professor Walter F. Murphy
Department of Politics
Princeton University
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Professor Murphy:

Thank you for the reprints. The job you did on Kilpatrick was beautiful. The gentleman, incidentally, turned his guns on us recently and we were sufficiently impressed that we reproduced his salvo as per the enclosure.

When you come to Atlanta, please look in on us.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Enclosed: Kilpatrick editorial, reproduced

November 9, 1959

Professor John B. Mason
Department of Government
Georgetown University
Washington 7, D. C.

Dear Professor Mason:

Some things have gone out to Mr. Lewis, and under separate cover a few things are being mailed to you. If you would like to be put on a mailing list for other materials, please let me know.

I enjoyed meeting you, and hope that you will call if you come to Atlanta.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Mailed separately:
- The Negro and the Ballot in the South
- Background Report on School Desegregation for 1959-60
- Leadership Reports, L-9

November 9, 1959

Professor John D. Lewis
Fulbright Professor
Oxford University
Oxford, England

Dear Professor Lewis:

At the Southern Political Science Association meeting last week, Mr. John B. Mason asked that I send some materials to you concerning the present situation in the South. We are forwarding several things under separate cover.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Mailed separately:
- Intimidation, Reprisal and Violence
- Background Report on School Desegregation
- The Negro and the Ballot in the South
- Leadership Reports, L-9, L-11

November 9, 1959

Dr. John L. Fulmer
School of Industrial Management
Georgia Institute of Technology
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Professor Fulmer:

I have found your articles on my desk this morning. Thank you very much for remembering to send them, and I look forward to reading them very soon.

It was a great pleasure having lunch with you last week and hearing you discuss your work at Georgia Tech and your thoughts about the South. I am sure that we shall be calling upon you in the future for advice and suggestions, and I hope that you will let us know if we can ever be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

November 9, 1959

Professor Robert L. Gill
Department of Political Science
Morgan State College
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Professor Gill:

It was good to see you at Gatlinburg. I am adding your name to our mailing list. Under separate cover I am sending you some materials. If you should come to Atlanta, please look us up.

Sincerely yours,

LWD:a

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

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Intimidation, Reprisal and Violence
Waiting Room Practices in 21 Southern Cities
The Negro and the Ballot in the South
Background Report on School Desegregation for 1959-60
Leadership Reports, 1 through 11

November 9, 1959

Subscription Department
Richmond News-Leader
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Sirs:

We would like to subscribe to your newspaper; will you please enter our subscription and bill us for one year.

Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

via air mail November 9, 1959

Mrs. Jane Lee Eddy
The Taconic Foundation
666 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Jane Lee:

Here is a follow-up to Paul Rilling's memo on the Burnsville situation forwarded Friday. This establishes the fact that the Negro Methodist church, which is housing the makeshift school for the elementary pupils, could receive a gift for the tutoring program.

On another subject, the Rev. John Morris was in the office this morning and remarked in passing that he had written Stephen about a proposed conference to plan an Episcopal society for racial unity. He expressed the hope that I wouldn't mind his having used my name, since he met Stephen under my auspices.

I don't mind his having mentioned me, but I haven't seen his letter and wouldn't want you to mistake it for something I initiated. Needless to say, I will consult you all before encouraging anyone to submit a request.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure

via air mail November 9, 1959

Mr. Harry Fleischman
National Labor Service
Institute of Human Relations
165 East 56th Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Harry:

Regrettably, I find that there is no earthly way I can make the Mass Media Committee meeting on November 17. I have to be in Miami on Wednesday, the 18th, and in New York on the 19th and 20th. At least I'll be able to check in with you and find out what transpired. As to agenda, I haven't any bright ideas at the moment, but will pass along anything that occurs to me in the interim.

Congratulations on the UAW order for "Let's Be Human." A few more like that and you'll really be in business.

We're in much the same position you are with respect to "McCarthyism under the Magnolias." Even though it mentions SRC often and favorably, we couldn't use a large number of copies; on the other hand, we would like to have a thousand or so. Maybe you could raise this at the MM Committee meeting, and if several agencies were interested we could swing a reprinting.

The best, as always.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 9, 1959

Mr. John Scanlon
The Fund for the Advancement of
Education
477 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

Dear John:

Many thanks for your kind words about the report to members and friends of the Council. You do my sometimes jaded spirits good.

I hope to find you in and free the next time I pop up in New York. Meanwhile, my very best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

via air mail November 9, 1959

Mr. W. E. Garnett
804 Draper Road
Blacksburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Garnett:

It has taken us a little time to find the information you requested in your recent letter. As far as we can discover, there is no official state body of the sort you are proposing in any Southern state. There are, of course, a number of them outside the South, including Illinois, New York, Ohio, New Jersey, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts.

Only two precedents that we know of would seem to me to have some possible value. On July 2, 1954, the Governor of Kentucky appointed a biracial committee to advise the state on school desegregation. We have no information on its accomplishments, and I doubt that it was very active; but it was at least a gesture in the direction you are advocating. In Maryland, a Commission on Interracial Problems was created by action of the General Assembly in 1951. Its function is "to promote better understanding among all races and creeds and to build sound community relations among all elements of the population." We have one or two of its older reports, but nothing of recent date. For current information, I suggest you write the Commission itself; the address we have is 719 St. Paul Street, Baltimore 2, Maryland.

I hope this scanty information is of some help. You have our good wishes for success in this important effort.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 9, 1959

Mrs. Betsy D. Taylor
Chairman, Southeast Region
YWCA Conference
P. O. Box T-3
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Taylor:

Thank you for your letter of November 3 inviting me to take part in the YWCA's Southeast Regional Conference on June 17. I am pleased that you thought of me for this presentation and would like to accept, but I can only do so with a reservation.

As you know, the Southern Regional Council works in an unpredictable field and often finds itself faced with unexpected crises and demands. From sad experience, I have learned that a commitment as far in advance as this one may lead to a terrible dilemma as the time draws near. Therefore, I could only accept with the understanding that I might, if later circumstances required, arrange a suitable substitution for our staff or board. As far as I know now, there is no reason why I should not fulfill the assignment, but I would rather hedge now than risk the possibility of leaving you in the lurch later on.

I realize that you might well prefer to enlist someone who can accept without this qualification, and in that case I will understand completely.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 10, 1959

Mrs. Herman G. Handmaker
542 Garden Drive
Louisville 6, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Handmaker:

We have had a request from Dr. C. H. Parrish to send you some of our materials bearing on the subject "The Changing Dimensions of Human Rights."

Accordingly, we are mailing today several pamphlets and other materials which we believe will be informative and helpful to you in the leadership training seminar sponsored by the Kentucky Council of Churches.

In addition to these, may we suggest that you read Kyle Haselden's The Racial Problem in Christian Perspective. According to Christian Century, this is the most significant book that has been published in this area. We most heartily agree. The publishers are Harper and Brothers, New York.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
- The Negro and the Ballot
- New South, Sept. and Oct., 1959
- Race and Conscience in America
- Leadership Reports, L9, L11
- Background Report on School Desegregation

November 10, 1959

Mr. Edward Linn
46 Marilyn Blvd.
Plainview, New York

Dear Mr. Linn:

I am very sorry to tell you that we do not have the information you wish. If any studies have been made on the physical differences between Negro and white athletes we do not know about them.

We are sending you copies of two articles on the Negro in sports, and you may find some general and background information that will be of interest and help with your article.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
New South, May 1955, "Democracy on the Diamond"
New South, April 1958, "Sports Integration Setting Example"
both articles were written by John Constable

November 10, 1959

Mr. John Walker
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear John:

Since I do not hear from you further, I assume you worked out your problem of a consultant with local resources or postponed the whole effort. Be sure and let me know how things are going.

I heard from another source in Little Rock that you had abandoned the idea of Negro candidates for the school board? I see that the Knoxville plan for such candidates was carried through with considerable success. If you do think that it would be useful at some time in the future to bring in a consultant to work with you toward the more effective organization of the Negro community in Little Rock, I believe that we could be of help through the Consultant Service Program.

I do have the approval of John Hope, who directs the CSP, to pay the expenses of John Wheeler of Durham, Dr. Herman Long of Fisk University, or Dean Whitney Young of Atlanta University. Any other suggestions would have to be cleared with John Hope.

Let us know if we can be of further service.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

November 10, 1959

Professor Robert Steamer
Department of Government
Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Bob:

It was good seeing you again. I am hopeful something will be worked out with Harry Manley, and, if so, we owe thanks to you for suggesting it.

In case you can't remember the things you promised in Dick Baron's room, I am expecting a copy of your paper. Our voting survey is being mailed to you.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Mailed separately:
The Negro Voter in the South, 1956
The Negro and the Ballot in the South, 1958

November 10, 1959

Mr. Lee Zeigler
Social Industrial Secretary
American Friends Service Committee
1830 Sutter Street
San Francisco 15, California

Dear Mr. Zeigler:

We are forwarding your request for 100 copies of Intimidation, Reprisal and Violence to the Southeastern Regional Office of the American Friends Service Committee, which cooperated in the publication and distribution of this pamphlet. If this office is unable to supply you, please let us know, although, as a matter of fact, we now have less than 100 copies remaining.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

November 10, 1959

Mr. Bill Moore
Box 415
Island Heights, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Moore:

In reply to your letter of October 29, we are forwarding under separate cover two publications which give some information on the more recent activities of the Ku Klux Klan. As for historical background, I am afraid we can only suggest sources your local library will offer. We are forwarding two bibliographies of books and periodicals - see particularly the "Reconstruction Ku Klux Klan" bibliography - which will aid you in your research.

We are sorry to be of so little help, but the other materials in our reference library are unsuitable for duplicating and mailing.

Sincerely yours,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM:a

Separate cover:
The KKK Revival - "Facts," Nov., Dec., 1956
Pro-Segregation Groups
Bibliography - KKK
" Reconstruction KKK

November 11, 1959

Miss Rosella Hill
Allen High School
331 College Street
Asheville, North Carolina

Dear Rosella:

On my recent visit to Asheville and Burnsville, I remember making some wild promise to try and set down some suggestions relating to fund raising, etc., so here it is:

1. Asheville - Burnsville. It may well be that the mine has pretty well been worked out so far as the support of people in these communities is concerned, but let's consider these possibilities if they have not already been tried.
   a. Efforts through Negro churches. Every church should be approached for a donation by the official board, a fund raising plea by the minister, special collections on a given Sunday.
   b. If there is any club, fraternity, professional group or organization in the Negro community which has not yet been approached, speakers from the educational project should appear before such groups to request organization donations, pass the hat, etc.
   c. There should be personal, not mail solicitations of all persons, white or Negro, who it is felt are sympathetic to the cause. Names can be suggested by persons already involved in the cause. In the Negro communities of Burnsville and Asheville, this might even take the form of a well publicized Burnsville Mothers'

March, door to door.

d. Interested persons or organizations should be encouraged to pledge on a monthly basis for the duration of the emergency, say through next June. If a fairly small number of persons would give five or ten dollars through the remainder of this year, you would be in good shape.

e. Organizations or individuals could be encouraged to sponsor individual students, handling expenses at Allen if they are high school students, or a pro rata share in Burnsville, if elementary students.

2. The fund raising effort should be expanded from the Asheville area throughout the state of North Carolina, at least to all urban areas.
   a. There should be local chairmen, preferably white and Negro co-chairmen, in each city.
   b. There should be at least mail solicitation efforts in these communities, signed by local persons. There would be personal appearances before clubs and organizations in these communities.
   c. Interested state-wide organizations might be willing to help by involving their constituency (NAACP, N.C. Council on Human Relations, state-wide Negro groups, etc.).
   d. A state-wide interracial committee consisting of prestige persons drawn from various state organizations might have useful public relations value.

3. An attractively printed or offset printed brochure could be prepared telling the Burnsville story in word and picture. This would admittedly take money, but would provide a mass distribution item which could be circulated about the state to interested people and groups.

If you wish, I will be happy to write the Board members of the SRC in North Carolina, suggesting that you may get in touch with them concerning your efforts. I have already written Harry Jones, Executive Director of the N.C. Council on Human Relations, 121 E. Third Street, Room 209, Charlotte. Attached, you will find a list of the North Carolina Board members.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

November 11, 1959

Mr. Harry Jones
Executive Director
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 E. Third Street, Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

Last week I responded to an invitation from the Burnsville Educational group and spoke to them Thursday evening. I should have called you before going, in case we might possibly have been able to get together that day, but I came directly from a travel schedule to Asheville.

I am convinced after talking with the leaders of this group and looking over their makeshift school that this is a very worthy effort and deserves whatever support and cooperation we can give them. The AFSC has been very close to the scene and is in a position to render more services than we are.

The group seems to appreciate greatly any interest shown in their efforts and needs help in raising money. Don't we all? I think it might be worth your while to make direct contact with this group. The North Carolina Council or the Charlotte Council might want to consider an auxiliary fund raising effort similar to that carried out last year by the Virginia Council in support of the Front Royal emergency.

The person you should contact if and when you are able to write or go to Asheville is Miss Rosella Hill, Allen High School, 331 College Street, Asheville.

Sincerely,

Pmr/sm

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

November 11, 1959

Mr. Raymond Nasher
Program Chairman
The American Jewish Committee
523 Fidelity Building
Dallas 2, Texas

Dear Mr. Nasher:

We are happy to learn that the Dallas Chapter of the American Jewish Committee is working in the direction of preparing the community for calm and peaceful transition to desegregation under the law. We have been somewhat concerned about this situation. Dallas is one of the few communities facing this problem where we have not been informed of what is going forward in the way of community activity.

If your meeting January 14 is primarily a chapter meeting, I would be happy to be with you to discuss these matters. As the field man for the Council, such activities are generally referred to me.

If you plan a somewhat larger meeting which would involve school board members and other such power structure people, perhaps a somewhat different approach would be advisable. You may have noted that Omer Carmichael, Superintendent of Louisville public schools, and Dr. Carl Hansen, Superintendent of Washington public schools, have been consulting with various communities around the South, giving the benefit of their experience. It is quite possible that either of these men could be obtained for expenses plus a slight honorarium. Dr. Herbert Wey, the author of Action Patterns in School Desegregation, has a very broad knowledge of what other communities have done and is available as a consultant in this area. Dr. Wey is currently at the University of Miami, and I am sure would come for expenses and a slight honorarium, if any.

We would be happy to contact Dr. Wey for you. I believe a direct invitation to Dr. Hansen or Mr. Carmichael would be as effective as any good services from the SRC.

Let me know how your planning is coming along and if we can be of service.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

November 11, 1959

The Rev. William Williams
Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
4241 S. W. 109 Court
Miami, Florida

Dear Bill:

We recently had contact with a representative of the AFSCME, one of the major public employee unions. The organization has recently published some material boosting a retirement housing development in Florida, known as the Riverview, between Daytona Beach and Orlando.

The group is of the opinion that this development is non-discriminatory, which seems highly unlikely to us. They are quite concerned about recommending any such development if it is segregated or white only. They have asked us to check on this. This means of course, that we are asking you to check on this.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm
Enc.

November 11, 1959

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

It was nice to hear from you. I am looking forward to word from Courtney or you concerning the possible proposition in line with our Atlanta discussion.

I do think it will be possible for you to purchase books in the field of human relations through the SRC. Let me know if you have any particular needs in this area. We have from time to time sent out bibliographical lists. Have you seen these?

I hope I can be with you at your board meeting this Fall. Let me know as soon as the date is set.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/s m

November 12, 1959

Miss Louise Young
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2001 Division Street
Nashville 4, Tennessee

Dear Miss Young:

Thank you for your letter and your order for twelve copies of THE SOUTHERN TEMPER. We are putting them in the mail today.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec

November 12, 1959

Mr. Stanley Elam
Editor, Phi Delta Kappan
International Headquarters Building
Eighth and Union
Bloomington, Indiana

Dear Mr. Elam:

Many thanks for your encouraging letter of October 23. That I have not answered it sooner is due solely to the fact that I have been away from the office a good part of the intervening time.

It did seem to me that an efficient method of completing the coverage of Southern school superintendents would be for us to mail to you our list of approximately 500 names. You could then check off the names of those to whom you have already mailed copies and then mail a copy to each of the others.

This is only one way of handling the matter. If, for any reason, you would find it preferable to send us the list of superintendents who requested copies of the book from you, we could then check them against our list and mail copies from here to your list. We would of course need to receive from you the shipment of books. I want to assure you that either procedure would be convenient for us.

As to the school board members, we are following up on the suggestion and writing to the National School Boards Association to see what may be had from it. We shall let you know.

Thank you again for your prompt attention and I shall look forward to your reply.

Sincerely yours,

LWD:a

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

November 12, 1959

Miss Elisabeth Williams
Librarian
Bossier Parish Library
P. O. Box 247
Benton, Louisiana

Dear Miss Williams:

We are mailing you, separately, the requested two copies of If the Schools Are Closed. There is no charge to the library.

Because of your interest in schools, I am also sending you several other things which you may not know about.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright

Mailed separately:
2 - If the Schools Are Closed
New South, October and November, 1959
Leadership Reports, 9 and 11

November 12, 1959

Rabbi Harry H. Epstein
600 Peachtree Battle Avenue, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Rabbi Epstein:

We know this is asking much of you, but because the request has come from the women themselves that we give them your address in full, we are writing to you to know if you can grant this request. We would need the manuscript rather quickly.

For myself and all at the workshop, I with to thank you for coming to us and making your great contribution to our Fellowship of the Concerned. Over and over again, the truths you gave them will be echoed in many places of the South.

For myself, I really do need your message on Abraham, for many times I feel that I am in a "far country" needing strength and guidance. That is really what the message meant to me.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/lec

November 12, 1959

Mr. Lewis Deer
222 South Downey Avenue
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Mr. Deer:

We know this is asking much of you, but because the request has come from the women themselves that we give them your address in full, we are writing to you to know if you can grant this request. We would need the manuscript rather quickly.

For myself and all at the workshop, I wish to thank you for coming to us and making your great contribution to our Fellowship of the Concerned. Over and over again, the truths you gave them will be echoed in many places of the South.

In speaking to our recorder, she said, "Mr. Deer's message was so clear and straightforward I sometime was listening so intently that I forgot to take it down.

We are so grateful to you for coming all the way from Indianapolis to us.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

November 12, 1959

Dr. Lynette Saine
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Saine:

We know this is asking much of you, but because the request has come from the women themselves that we give them your address in full, we are writing to you to see if you can reproduce it for us. We would need the manuscript rather quickly.

For myself and all at the workshop, I wish to thank you for coming to us and giving the great contribution you did. Over and over again, the truths you gave them will be echoed in many places of the South.

Your speech set the tone for many things. Through the group discussions and from the floor, appreciation was expressed that you kept on with the job on the school studies, yet knowing all the time you were not given a full opportunity to do your job. The question came up, "Isn't this why there isn't full cooperation and full communication between the races of our section - 'token' gestures are not always accepted?"

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

November 12, 1959

Dr. E. Jerry Walker
St. James Methodist Church
Ellis Avenue at 46th Street
Chicago 53, Illinois

Dear Dr. Walker:

It is difficult for me to express my gratitude that you came to us in our workshop. That story you told of your integrated church is one of the most valuable contributions any group could have as they study the place of the church in this present racial scene. We wish we might have had a recording of your story. Is it asking too much of you to produce some of it so that we might include it in our Gleanings. I believe it will be a great deal of help to Christians who are puzzled about their own church and how it can come to be the full community church.

Let me know if this is asking too much of you, so I will not be holding up the findings. But if you can do it, give us some idea as to when we can get the story.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

November 12, 1959

Mr. Rupert B. Vance
Kenan Professor of Sociology
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Professor Vance:

I wonder if we may turn to you for a word of advice?

We feel an increasing obligation to offer, through our publications, an informed perspective on the subject of Negro crime, which has bulked so large and sensationally in the press of recent months. We are not overly optimistic that we can influence either the reporting of the news or the reading of it, but we would like to try. The best method of doing so, however, is anything but clear, what with the murky state of our knowledge on the causes of crime.

It occurs to us that our soundest first step would be to engage a person of authority to prepare a memorandum for us which would enable us to plan intelligently the shape of a publication. What we have in mind is a paper of modest length which, without elaborate documentation, would do these things:

- summarize the presently accepted conclusions as to the principal causes of crime, with some special attention to the importance of social and economic factors;

- summarize the presently accepted conclusions and (if any) scientific disagreements about the relation of race and crime;

- in reference to the objective of understanding the high Negro crime rate, indicate what are the principal inadequacies (if any) of present data or theory.

Could you advise us as to what Southern specialist we might go for this sort of consultation? Ordinarily, I suppose, we would have approached Dr. Guy Johnson. In his absence, would A. L. Porterfield, who contributed to The Urban South, be a likely resource? Or could you suggest someone else? We would, of course, intend to pay a modest honorarium.

Although I have limited this request to advice as to persons, we would be glad to have your comments on the outlined scope and content of the memorandum itself.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

November 12, 1959

Professor Robert J. Steamer
Department of Government
Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Bob:

Your paper has arrived and I have read it. I am really impressed. This is an excellent job and I hope it will get published soon.

I hate to ask you for any more consideration, but we have on our board a handful of lawyers. It occurs to me that they would be interested to read this and that it would be good to have it read by a few well-placed attorneys scattered through the South. I could, in short, use about a dozen copies if you have them. I would want to pay you for them if you do. If you haven't any, could I reproduce a few copies?

I should not think that this would be of any disadvantage to you in publishing, but if you think it would, I of course withdraw my request.

I am sending you under separate cover a couple of other things of ours which, after reading your paper, I think you might be interested in seeing.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Mailed separately:
Background Report on School Desegregation
If the Schools Are Closed

November 12, 1959

Miss Margaret Joyce
56 Cunningham Street
Springfield, Mass.

Dear Miss Joyce:

Your letter to the Atlanta Constitution has been forwarded to us for reply. We are mailing you some of our materials which will answer some of the questions you ask. For a more over-all view of the South, in all phases of the segregation-desegregation problems, we would suggest that you read the following books:

Dabbs, James M., The Southern Heritage
Peters, William, The Southern Temper

I believe that you will fine one or both in your local library.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
Southerners and Schools, The New Republic
Three Views of the Segregation Decisions
New South, Sept., Oct., Nov., 1959
L Reports 6 and 8

November 12, 1959

National School Boards Association
1940 Sheridan Road
Evanston, Illinois

Dear Sirs:

We would like very much to receive a mailing list of school board members or school board chairmen of the southern states. Would it be possible for us to get this from you?

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

November 12, 1959

Mr. Mark K. Kessler
Box 2142
3440 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia 4, Pa.

Dear Mr. Kessler:

We are pleased to send you two of our publications on voting: The Negro Voter in the South, a study of voting in 1956; and The Negro and the Ballot in the South, a study of voting in 1958. Both are by Margaret Price. There is no charge, since you wish to use them in connection with a seminar paper.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
The Negro Voter in the South
The Negro and the Ballot in the South

November 12, 1959

Mrs. Paul V. Carrier
Schools Chairman
League of Women Voters of Virginia
4141 Lorcom Lane
Arlington 7, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Carrier:

We are pleased to mail you, without charge, the requested copy of If the Schools Are Closed...

Because of your interest in schools, we are also enclosing a few other of our materials for your information, since you may not know of them.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
- If the Schools Are Closed
- New South, October and November
- Leadership Reports, 9, 10
- The Economic Effect of School Closing

November 12, 1959

Air Mail

Mr. Charles King
Department of Sociology
North Carolina College
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. King:

I hope you will forgive the delay in getting this memorandum to you. We have been quite involved in the details of the Annual Meeting of the SRC here yesterday. I enjoyed the opportunity of talking with you by telephone the other day. We are most anxious to have a competent professional consultant become involved in the Prince Edward situation.

You are, of course, generally familiar with the situation. All of the public schools have been closed in Prince Edward county, even though there was no desegregation suit pending. So-called private schools have been set up for the white children. Any efforts to make provision for the 1,700 Negro children rest completely with the Negro community.

The problems of the Negro community in attempting to come to grips with this situation are organisational, strategic, and educational. The only effort to mobilize the community is the organisation of the Prince Edward County Christian Association, headed by L. Francis Griffin, a former chairman of the NAACP. There is little or no professional Negro leadership in the County but the PECCA has had some success in waking the community. The organization faces overwhelming problems in attempting to make provisions to keep the children off the streets, much less to provide them with some sort of education. There are also obvious financial problems involved in attempting anything of major proportions. So far, a small group of junior and senior high school students has been sent to a private school in North Carolina. Several regional and national agencies, including the SRC are anxious to lend whatever assistance they can in the Prince Edward County emergency. Before this can be achieved, however, we badly need a careful and professional survey of the situation.

It is our hope that you would be willing to spend three or four days in Richmond and in Prince Edward county getting the general feel of the situation. It is our thought that your function would be two-fold. First, to provide us with sufficient information that SRC and other interested groups would know the situation, the needs, the possibilities for assistance, etc. Secondly, you will function as a consultant to local Negro leadership, helping them in any way that you could in the general taks of community organization.

It is our feeling that the skills of both a sociologist and a professional educator need to be brought to bear on this problem. It is our hope therefore, that Dean Thomas Henderson, of Virginia Union University can also be involved in these efforts. Our hope is that you might be willing to do the field work and that Dean Henderson would then make recommendations from the standpoint of an educator. His conclusions and yours would give us the basis for agency assistance.

I think you could perform this field function over a long week-end, say a Friday through Monday. I would suggest that you go first to Richmond and meet there with Mr. Dan Bowers, Executive Director of the Virginia Council on Human Relations, 216-C Broad-Grace Arcade Building; Mr. Lester Banks, Executive Secretary of the Virginia state Conference of the NAACP, 404½ N. Second Street. These two men have been involved in Prince Edward County and are quite familiar with the situation in a general way. You would also confer with Dean Henderson to get his preliminary thinking and with Mr. Oliver Hill, legal counsel for the NAACP.

You would then go on to Prince Edward County.

What we need are the answers to the following kinds of questions:

1. What are the facts of the situation in some detail.
2. What is being done and by whom?
3. What is the strength and status of the PECCA?
4. What is the financial status of this group?
5. In what ways do you see that the SRC or other agencies can be of assistance?
   What schools are needed in the situation, what projects could be undertaken with outside help, what money could be utilized effectively and for what?

It is possible that you might want to make follow-up trips of a day or so. Decisions on any such follow-up activities would come after your field trip and report.

This effort is being carried forward under the Consultant Service Program of the SRC. You would be reimbursed at the rate of $40 per day plus expenses.

Let us know your decision as soon as possible. Feel free to call if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm
cc: John Hope

November 13, 1959

Miss Evelyn Berry
Executive Secretary,
Educational Work and Residences
Woman's Division of Christian Service
Board of Missions of the Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, N. Y.

Dear Miss Berry:

We are mailing you today, under separate cover, the requested copy of our Background Report on School Desegregation for 1959-60. There is no charge to you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

November 13, 1959
(dictated November 12)

Professor Frank Stallings
Department of Education
University of Louisville
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Professor Stallings:

I enjoyed talking with you today and want to thank you again for your willingness to help our program. As I said to you on the phone, the article as we see it should accomplish two things:

1) A concise, objective summary of the findings of the Atlanta study done by the Educational Testing Service. The purpose of this would be to spread a better understanding of the nature of the academic problems involved in desegregation.

2) An interpretation of the academic experience in Washington during and after five years of integration. The purpose of this would be to spread a more accurate understanding of what can happen in a desegregated situation. Implicitly, doing this would also help to counteract the present distorted picture of Washington schools prevalent in the South.

3) One other thing which would be extremely pertinent in such a report, if the data were available, would be the interpretation of the desegregation experience in non-metropolitan districts. I do not know of the availability of such data, but if you have it, its inclusion would be much desired.

The article will be issued as one of our series of L Reports, though perhaps in a somewhat different form; for instance I am sure we will do something better than a mimeographed job. We visualize a piece of about 2,000 words. Our honorarium is $150.00 and we shall pay your clerical expenses. If possible, we should like the article completed during the next two months.

If you find that you do not have the two-volume Atlanta survey, we can ship ours to you. We have in our files also two papers of Mr. Hansen's which, if you do not have, I think you would want to consult. We can send them along. One is titled, "Summary of the Desegregation Experience in the Public Schools of the District of Columbia, for Notre Dame Conference, May 8, 1959." The other is titled "Report on Desegregation in Washington, D. C. for the Commission on Civil Rights, Nashville, Tennessee, March 5-6, 1959."

I am mailing under separate cover a few other things on Washington which may be of interest to you, as well as a couple of our publications.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Mailed separately:
- thermofax news clips
- Hansen leaflet
- Erwin Knoll's "The Truth About Desegregation in Washington's Schools"
- Carl F. Hansen's The Miracle of Social Adjustment
- Green and Gauerke, If the Schools Are Closed
- Leadership Reports, 6, 8, 9

Blind CC: Benjamin Muse

November 13, 1959

Mr. Albert A. Pena, Jr.
County Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
San Antonio 5, Texas

Dear Mr. Pena:

We are mailing you under separate cover the requested copy of The Negro and the Ballot in the South. There is no charge, to you; additional copies will be .40 each.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

November 13, 1959

Miss Jean Fairfax
American Friends Service Committee
Twenty South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Jean:

Ruby and I are looking forward to having you here for the meeting November 19. We plan to meet here in the conference room of SRC. We will have lunch sent in and go as long as necessary.

Our feeling is that we begin with just the three of us rather than involving others at this session. We will try to have the background information you suggest on hand by that time.

It will be good to see you.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

November 16, 1959

Professor Harry S. Manley
Millsaps College
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Professor Manley:

Since talking with you at Gatlinburg, I have thought how a study of Negro voting in Mississippi might be organized and designed. I think at this point it might be best if we exchanged views, or, at least, questions.

In 1956 we had hoped to include Mississippi in our voters survey, but were unable to do so. You persuaded me that there is little or no chance of doing a more-or-less intensive field study of one or two of the no-vote counties. This leaves still unanswered the question of what can be done.

I would, therefore, like to get your judgment on the feasibility of a general survey along the lines we attempted in 1956, and for that purpose am enclosing a copy of the study outline used then. Could we use this as a basis for determining whether there is sufficient data that can be mined, and whether you would be willing to undertake it?

Some modifications of the outline would appear to me necessary, and others will occur to you. For example:

> Negro registration. I believe the race of registrants is no longer indicated. What can be learned from interviews with circuit clerks? Would it be a fruitful tactic to write to the registrar in each county, quoting the figure reported by the Commission on Civil Rights, and requesting confirmation or correction? Can reliable estimates be got in the cities?

Do Negro voter organizations and the NAACP have estimates? Could a combination of several approaches such as these provide a basis for sound estimates? (So far as we know, the most recent estimates are those in the M.A. thesis of James Franklin Barnes, Negro Voting in Mississippi, University of Mississippi, 1955.)

Voting Performance. Can anything be done in the way of precinct analysis in the cities?

Socio-Economic Factors. Perhaps this could be filled out by a discussion of the use of racial issues in political campaigns, especially the gubernatorial primary of 1959; and by analysis of the official, editorial, and church reaction to the Till, Counts, and Poplarville events, and the effect of this reaction on the Negro population.

The objective is to put together a good, sound description of the situation of the Negro in Mississippi politics, with special interest in his access to the franchise. If this picture can be drawn, we want to publish it as a pamphlet. The other side of that is that unless we can get sufficiently reliable and significant data to make possible a publication, we would not be justified in tackling the study. And this is where we must particularly rely on your judgment, as to whether the prospects warrant the undertaking.

In that connection, I should tell you that, in checking our files, I find that Dr. Maddox considered doing this study for us in 1956; you might want to discuss with him certain reservations which he had then.

I very much enjoyed meeting you, and also Mr. Bowen. I hope you will feel free to discuss this project with Bowen, and to invite his collaboration.

I shall look forward to your reply. If you think there is a feasible project here, would you indicate how long you think it would require. Ideally, we would like to be in print early next year.

Two copies each of our 1957 and 1959 voter surveys are being sent under separate cover, for you and Mr. Bowen.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Enclosure:
Survey Outline

November 17, 1959

Mr. Rufus C. Kuykendall
Assistant Staff Director
Laws, Plans and Research
Commission on Civil Rights
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kuykendall:

In reply to your request that two copies of a Council report on desegregation and the outlook for the future, issued in October, be sent to The Library, we are assuming that you mean the "Report of the Executive Director to Members and Friends of the Southern Regional Council" which was released BUT NOT FOR PUBLICATION OR QUOTATION WITHOUT PERMISSION on October 19, 1959.

We are, therefore, mailing the two copies to The Library for the convenience of the Commission on Civil Rights. There is no charge.

If you meant to request our "Background Report on School Desegregation for 1959-60" please let us know. This report was issued in August, and we believe that you already have copies of it.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

November 17, 1959

Miss Linda Lewis
2207 Rio Grande
Austin, Texas

YMCA-YWCA - U of Texas
observance of Brotherhood Week

Dear Miss Lewis:

Brotherhood Week is sponsored nationally by the National Conference of Christians and Jews; I have telephoned their office here, and the Texas office will be mailing you some of their materials.

Our materials are on better human relations, and we put out publications dealing with voting, schools, and other phases of human rights and moral values in the South. I am enclosing several items for your information, in the event your committee might wish to engage in a panel discussion on democratic principles in the South.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
L-1, L-10
Next Steps in the South
New South, September, November 1959
Segregation Decisions
The Negro and the Voter in the South
Race & Conscience in America

November 17, 1959

Professor Howard Beale
Department of History
University of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Professor Beale:

I am very sorry that you had trouble finding our building, and that I was unable to accept your luncheon invitation on Saturday. Perhaps the next time you are in Atlanta you will allow me to guide you to our offices, for we would be very happy indeed to see you.

The couple whom I spoke to you about, who are at work on a biography of Dr. Alexander, are Mr. and Mrs. James Stokely, 405 Clifton Heights, Newport, Tennessee; they ordinarily publish under the by line "Wilma Dykeman and James Stokely." They have done some very good things, including a book, Neither Black Nor White. Mrs. Stokely is also engaged, with a Guggenheim, on a book about the mountain warfare of the Civil War. I am sure they would be glad to have any information you could share with them about Dr. Alexander.

We are sending you under separate cover a few of our recent publications and you will be placed on our mailing list to get later ones.

Sincerely yours,

LWD:a

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

Mailed separately:
The Negro and the Ballot in the South
Intimidation, Reprisal and Violence
If the Schools Are Closed
Background Report on School Desegregation for 1959-60
Leadership Reports: L-1, L-10, L-12
New South, November 1959

November 17, 1959

Harvard Law Review
Harvard University
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sirs:

We understand that the November issue of the Review will reprint a recent address by Herbert Wexchler dealing with inter allia the Supreme Court and the segregation cases. If so, please accept this letter as our order for one copy and bill us the charges.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

November 17, 1959

University of Pennsylvania Law Review
Philadelphia
Pennsylvania

Dear Sirs:

We understand that your November 1959 issue will contain an article by Lewis Pollak dealing with issues raised in an address by Herbert Wexchler. If so, please accept this letter as our order for one copy and bill us the charges.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

South Carolinians Speak
Race and Conscience in America
Next Steps in the South
Ministers' manifesto
Copy New York Times series by John Wickl~~yn~~ein

November 17, 1959

Mr. W. L. Miller, Jr.
College of the Bible Aptms.
631 South Limestone
Lexington 29, Ky.

Dear Mr. Miller:

We do not have any materials dealing specifically with "the best way to try to develop an inclusive Christian fellowship in the Church, including all races." I am mailing you, under separate cover, some of our materials which may be helpful in a general way. And I would suggest that you write to the following church organizations for materials of a more specific nature.

The Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, 161 Eighth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee

Race Relations Department, Congregational Christian Churches, Fisk University, Nashville 8, Tennessee

United Christian Missionary Society, Disciples of Christ, 222 South Downey Avenue, Indianapolis 7, Indiana

National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church P. O. Box 853, Lynchburg, Virginia

The Board of Social Missions of the United Lutheran Church in America, 231 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y.

The Board of Social and Economic Relations, The Methodist Church, 740 Rush Street, Chicago 11, Illinois

Dept. of Racial and Cultural Relations, Nat'l Council of Churches, P. O. Box 1083, Nashville, Tenn.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

November 18, 1959

Miss Bertha Hamilton
Director of the Department of Special
Services
Livingstone College
Salisbury, North Carolina

Dear Miss Hamilton:

Mr. Harold Fleming, the Director of the Council, is away from the office. Therefore, I am answering your letter of the 12th.

Under separate cover we are sending you the requested eight copies of "Intimidation, Reprisal and Violence..." There is no charge.

The most current information on next summer's programs and available scholarships can be obtained by writing directly to the Encampment for Citizenship, 2 West 64th Street, New York 23, New York.

Our prints of the film, "The Face of the South" are distributed by the Southeastern office of the Anti-Defamation League, 41 Exchange Place, S. E., Atlanta, Georgia. If you will write directly to them requesting the film, for one or two possible dates a month or more, in advance if possible, you should have no difficulty. The handling charge for the film is $2.00.

It is possible that we might have an opening for one or more persons for summer employment. If you will contact us during April or May, we would be able to give you more specific information on this. However, from time to time, we do employ students in the summer and we would be happy to consider students from Livingstone College. You might also write Mr. John Lassoe, Director of the National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials, 426 West 48th Street, New York. It is possible that he could help you place students in other agencies next summer.

If we can be of further assistance, please call on us.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

VIA AIR MAIL November 18, 1959

Mrs. Marion R. Ascoli
Marion R. Ascoli Fnnd
100 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mrs. Ascoli:

Thank you ever so much for your letter of November 11 advising us officially of the five-year grant from the Marion R. Ascoli Fund.

We shall keep you informed of the Council's work and financial status, and will hope to justify the confidence you have placed in us.

With appreciation and kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 18, 1959

Miss Mary Beverley Dabney
227 West Freemason Street
Norfolk 10, Virginia

Dear Miss Dabney:

Thank you for your card concerning NEW SOUTH.

Undoubtedly, your membership dues and contribution go to the Virginia Council on Human Relations, which is now operated independently from the Southern Regional Council. The VCHR would have sent us only the subscription fee for NEW SOUTH from your contribution; and since you indicated that another person in your household receives NEW SOUTH (our records indicate that a Miss Elizabeth Dabney at your address receives a subscription) and yours could be discontinued, the Virginia Council would have automatically cancelled the subscription by not mailing the fee to us.

However, we retain the stencil and automatically notify persons whose subscription has expired.

The Virginia Council also will notify you when it is time to pay annual dues.

Again thanks for your note and with best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/bce

VIA AIR MAIL November 18, 1959

Mr. Theodore Leskes
The American Jewish Committee
Institute of Human Relations
165 East 56th Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Ted:

Our most recent material on Negro suffrage is the enclosed report. We have a goodly supply, so I am sending 100 copies to Dean Hyman with our compliments.

I have been invited to the Seminar, which sounds quite interesting, and suppose I will attend.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1. (Voting Pamphlet)

Green + Original
Copies in hands of HCF

via air mail November 18, 1959

Dr. C. C. Furnas
Office of the Chancellor
The University of Buffalo
Buffalo 14, New York

Dear Dr. Furnas:

Your plans for a Seminar on Civil Rights Legislation sound most interesting and I am complimented by your invitation to take part. December 16 is clear on my calendar, and I should be happy to learn more of the arrangements and plans for the conference.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

via air mail November 18, 1959

Mrs. Daisy Bates
1207 West 28th Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Bates:

On behalf of Mr. Fleming, who is away from the office, may I express our regrets at not having had you participate with us in our Annual Meeting. However, with the recent turn of events, we fully realize the demands being made on your time.

Mr. Fleming will return to the office the latter part of this week at which time he will be writing you in regard to other matters discussed in your letter of the 9th.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mildred Flowers
Secretary to Mr. Fleming

MCF

Enclosures: Ark. Gazette: 12/18/58 "J. B. Matthews...Some Background on a Professional Witness"
Journal & Guide Reprint
Congressional Record Reprint "SRC, Origins and Aims..."
Congressional Record Reprint "SRC"- Inserted by Richard Bolling
Chatt. Times Editorial - Dec. 20, 1958 "Matthews and SRC"
Atl. Constitution Editorial - May 12, 1953 "Attack on Clement is Dirty Politics"
Analysis of the Firing Line Attack
Francis E. Walter Ltr. - Aug. 30, 1956
Ark. Gazette - 12/18/58 "By Association"
The Southern Patriot" May 1945 "Hugo Black Dinner"
Richmond Times Dispatch Reprint "A Race Agency and the Facts"
SRC News Release, April 6, 1959 (Ministers statement deploring McCarthyism.)

via air mail special delivery November 18, 1959

Mr. Hodding Carter
Delta-Democrat Times
Greenville, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Carter:

Enclosed are materials which we believe you will find helpful in commenting on the current investigations in Mississippi.

At your convenience, would you please return the photostat copy of the Southern Patriot. There is no need to return the other materials.

Needless to say, we can supply you with additional materials and information if you have need for them. If this is the case, please call on us.

We would appreciate having any newspaper stories or editorials which you feel would help to inform us of the current situation in Mississippi.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

November 18, 1959

Mr. Nathaniel Bension
P. O. Box 6187
University, Alabama

Dear Mr. Bension:

Dr. George Mitchell sent your letter on here to us at the Southern Regional Council office. As former Director of the Council, George felt that the matter you raise should come to the attention of the organization as a whole.

We are glad to know of your concern with these problems and to make contact with you. We badly need help from those in University positions throughout the South. I took a graduate degree, by the way, from the University of Alabama. You will undoubtedly know Donald Strong who was one of my instructors at that time.

It is certainly true that there is a definite need to share information concerning progress in inter-racial developments across the South. We recently had some success here in Atlanta in the desegregation of the public library. One reason was the gathering of information showing a number of successfully desegregated libraries in Southern communities.

Our agency and others are making what contribution they can to the spreading of information. You are right, of course the success of such information does depend upon how it arrives.

It would be hard for us to suggest financing for the idea you suggest without further exploration of some of the specifics involved. May I suggest you explore this in more detail with the Rev. Robert Hughes, Executive Director of the Alabama Council on Human Relations. His address is Room 1218, Comer Building, Birmingham 3.

The Alabama Council is one of the SRC's cooperating agencies. Mr. Hughes is an experienced professional worker in this field and could explore the idea with you and perhaps suggest some foundation or other donor who might respond. At any rate, I think you would appreciate knowing Bob and his work in Alabama. I will pass on your name to him in hopes that your paths may cross fairly soon.

We would, of course, be glad to hear from you here and I hope to meet you on a future visit to Tuscaloosa.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm
Blind copy to:
Bob Hughes

November 18, 1959

Mrs. David Park
4 Chapin Court
Williamstown, Massachusetts

Dear Mrs. Park:

Thank you for submitting Dr. Dissanaike's manuscript to NEW SOUTH. It is well written and should serve a useful purpose. However, it is not the type of article that fits into the present format of NEW SOUTH; and so I am very sorry but we must reject it.

I suggest you try THE NEW REPUBLIC, THE CHRISTIAN CENTURY, THE NEW LEADER, and THE NATION, in that order.

Again thank you and best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec
Encl. (manuscript)

November 18, 1959

Mr. Herbert M. Davidson
THE NEWS-JOURNAL
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. Davidson:

Since Mr. Fleming had to be away from the office this week, he thought it best that I acknowledge the generous contribution you made to the Council while in attendance at its Annual Meeting, November 11, 1959. Mr. Fleming is planning to write you upon his return to the office next week.

The Council is deeply grateful to you for this fine expression of continued interest and support of its program.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth House Alexander
Secretary-Treasurer

Enclosure (Official Receipt $100.00)

November 18, 1959

Mrs. J. N. Rayzor
3207 Groveland Lane
Houston, Texas

Dear Mrs. Rayzor:

Since Mr. Fleming had to be away from the office this week, he thought it best that I acknowledge the generous contribution you made to the Council while attending the Annual Meeting, November 11, 1959. Mr. Fleming is planning to write you upon his return to the office next week.

The Council is deeply grateful to you for this fine expression of continued interest and support of its program.

It is always a pleasure to see you at the Annual Meeting and I look forward to seeing you again in 1960.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth House Alexander
Secretary-Treasurer

Enclosure (Official Receipt $200.00)

November 18, 1959

Mr. Wm. F. Pater, Principal
Joint School District No. 14
Oostburg Public Schools
Oostburg, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Pater:

We are pleased to mail you today, under separate cover, the requested copy of our pamphlet, If the Schools Are Closed. There is no charge for one copy; additional copies may be ordered at .25 each.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

November 18, 1959

Mr. Irvin H. Himmele
Assistant Superintendent
Board of Education
Buffalo 2, New York

Dear Mr. Himmele:

We are pleased to send you, under separate cover, the requested copy of our publication If the Schools Are Closed.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

November 18, 1959

Mr. Russell C. Armitage
Assistant Superintendent
Lucas County Schools
411 Michigan Street
Toledo 2, Ohio

Dear Mr. Armitage:

We are pleased to send you, under separate cover, a copy of our publication If the Schools Are Closed. Thank you for telling us that it was discussed at the recent NOLPE meeting in Cleveland.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

November 18, 1959

The Rev. Dan Bowers
Executive Director
Virginia Council on Human Relations
216-C Broad-Grace Arcade Building
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Dan:

Thank you for your suggestions concerning the state staff meeting. Soon as I hear from a few more of you, I will pull these ideas together and get out a preliminary agenda or something.

Your plans for a ministers' workshop or shops sound promising. Be sure and let me know if we can be of service through the Consultant Service Program.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

November 19, 1959

Mr. John Walker
Associate Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear John:

Thank you for your run-down on the events. I had heard some details from Bert Cartwright who commented briefly on the situation during our Annual Meeting here. We naturally were somewhat concerned as to what had transpired.

It seems to me you might definitely be able to make use of a consultant in the field of community organization. We await your thinking on this.

I have several reactions to this information, most of it fairly obvious. I believe that honest differences of opinion concerning strategy will inevitably occur even among people who sincerely share common goals and aspirations. I trust that none of those involved in the situation are leaning toward the stereotype opinion that all white moderates and liberals are unreliable or untrustworthy.

I think it entirely probable that in the long run the cause of progress would be best served in Little Rock by the emergence of a more independent and more tightly organized Negro community. It would, however, be tragic if the liaison or working relationship existing between Negro leadership and white liberals or moderates should be abandoned or jeopardized. This cooperative relationship has performed important service in the past and will continue to be needed. It should, of course, be the cooperation of two independent parties, sharing many common goals.

I know that you must be somewhat discouraged about the collapse of your last minute effort concerning the election of the school board. I suspect, however, that the effort itself had some salutary effects and has helped to prepare the groundwork for the future.

Clearly, it would be very helpful to elect a Negro to the school board. I continue to be of "moderate" opinion, however, that the important thing is to get the right man, a sincere liberal, on the school board and that this is the more critical factor than the race of the individual concerned.

Do keep us informed. Things seem to be moving fast in many ways in Little Rock. Good luck to you.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

Same letter to secretaries of school boards in following states:

Arkansas
Florida
Georgia
Louisiana
Mississippi
North Carolina
South Carolina
Tennessee
Texas
Virginia

November 19, 1959

Dr. George Howard, Executive Secretary
Alabama Association of School Boards
Box 6133
University, Alabama

Dear Dr. Howard:

Some months back, Phi Delta Kappa prepared and published a survey of the desegregation experience of all the localities affected by the 1954 decision of the Supreme Court, a copy of which is enclosed. The book has been widely distributed and generally praised for its impartiality and objectivity.

The thought occurs to us that members of the local school boards of your state who have not seen the book might like to have it. A quantity of copies ha~~ve~~s been put at our disposal. So long as they last, we would be glad to mail individual copies to local school board members whose names you might suggest to us.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

LWD:a

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

Enclosure:
Action Patterns in School Desegregation

November 19, 1959

Mr. Ollie C. Hines
Apartment 3-F
45 Tieman Place
New York 27, New York

Dear Mr. Hines:

We are returning your check, because it is for a much larger amount than the cost of the requested pamphlet, The Negro and the Ballot in the South, which is only .40.

You requested a list of our other recent publications and surveys:

If the Schools Are Closed...A Critical Analysis of the Private School Plan - .25 (see article in October New South

Special Report: Waiting Room Practices in 21 Southern Cities (see September New South)

Special Report: A Background on School Desegregation for 1959-60 - .20

In the July-August issue of New South you will note an article concerning our Intimidation, Reprisal and Violence pamphlet. We have now exhausted our supply of this, but the article will give you the main facts and conclusions.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
The Negro and the Ballot in the South
New South, July-Aug., Sept., Oct., Nov., 1959

November 19, 1959

Miss Loraine Nooak
817 South Milton Avenue
Baltimore 24, Maryland

Dear Miss Nooak:

I am sorry to inform you that we no longer have the pamphlet, Understanding Our Neighbors. We are sending you some other publications which may be helpful to you in your written report on racial minorities.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
- Segregation Decisions
- J. M. Dabbs interview
- Next Steps in the South
- Race and Conscience in America
- New South, September, October, November 1959

November 19, 1959

Professor Sylvester Theisen
Department of Sociology
Saint John's University
Collegeville, Minnesota

Dear Professor Theisen:

We are mailing you today, under separate cover, some of our recent publications and some descriptive literature on the Southern Regional Council. We hope this will be helpful in your course on Racial and Cultural Minorities.

The research staff, from our comprehensive files, devotes about one-third of its time to answering requests for information in the area of race relations. The files and the staff are available to those persons interested in serious research and in writing.

If the enclosures and the materials mailed separately do not answer all your questions, please write again.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

Enclosures:
- L-1
- Mike Edwards article, thermafax
- Wall Street Journal reprint
- New York Times reprint

Mailed separately:
- J. M. Dabbs interview
- The Negro and the Ballot in the South
- If the Schools Are Closed
- Background Report on School Desegregation for 1959-60
- New South, September, October, November 1959
- L Reports, 3, 6, 8, 10, 12

November 19, 1959

Dean B. R. Brazeal
Morehouse College
223 Chestnut Street S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dean Brazeal:

I am enclosing a data sheet on Mr. Godwin Akabiwa Mbikusita Lewanika of Northern Rhodesia, for your information, since it says in the last paragraph that, if requested, he will be glad to give a talk or to answer questions about his country. I thought you might be interested in having him for a chapel talk on Wednesday morning, December 2nd.

He will be staying at the Atlanta University Dormitory on the nights of December 1 and 2, and his first appointment on December 2nd is at 9:30 with the School of Social Work. If you can use him for chapel, we could let Miss Frankie Adams know that he may be a few minutes late.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright

Green + original
ret. to PA.

November 19, 1959

Mr. William Peters
921 Grant Avenue
Pelham Manor, New York

Dear Bill:

From Bob Hughes of the Alabama Council we have attempted to determine the whereabouts of Asa Carter. Bob has received, from what he considers a "very reliable" source, the information that during the past summer Carter was working on his father's farm at Oxford, Alabama. If he is still there, mail addressed to Oxford would probably reach him.

Bob has been told recently that a voice - identified as Carter's, though with another name - was heard on a Saturday morning disc jockey show over radio station WSUN, Tampa, Florida. This is purely hearsay.

As another candidate, what of Robert Shelton, Grand Dragon of the Alabama Ku Klux Klan. You will recall that Shelton is a good friend of the Governor and has been quite active in Montgomery since the election. For some years he is reported to have been with the accounting division of Goodrich Rubber Company in Alabama. Since the election he has been with the purchasing department.

Harold continues to be out of the office more than in. But in time he'll start taking care of correspondence again.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

November 19, 1959

Mr. Lutz A. Prager, IES
Department of State, U.S.A.
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Prager:

The enclosed letter has been held for the past week. It is being returned since we have no information on Mr. de Vera visiting Atlanta.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1.

Green & original
ret to P.A.

November 19, 1959

Miss Eleanor French, Director
Christian Social Relations
United Church Women
National Council of Churches, USA
475 Riverside Drive
New York 27, New York

Dear Miss French:

In the absence of Mr. Fleming, I would like to acknowledge your letter of November 10th.

It would indeed be appropriate for you to attend the meetings of the Southern Interagency Conference. In fact, I think the group would particularly like to have a representative present from the United Church Women. The next meeting will be held in Atlanta, beginning at 2:00 p.m., on January 19th and ending at noon on the 20th. We will send you particulars on the meeting - as well as notices of all meetings in the future. I hope you can place these dates on your calendar.

Under separate cover, we are sending you a copy of the Directory of Organizations Engaged In Human Relations. Each edition of this directory quickly becomes outdated, but the listings are essentially of those who participate in the Southern Interagency Conference.

If we can be of further help, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1.

November 19, 1959

Mr. Lee B. Thomas, Jr.
Executive Vice-President
American Saw and Tool Company
500 East Main Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Lee:

We are very grateful for your contribution to the Council. Our receipt is enclosed. It is especially gratifying to have this expression of confidence from you after having attended your first meeting of the Council.

A check for your expenses has been sent under separate cover.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1. (Official receipt)

November 20, 1959

Dean Thomas H. Henderson
Virginia Union University
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Dean:

This will confirm our recent telephone conversation concerning our need of a fact-finding and consultative effort in Prince Edward County as soon as possible.

Several of the agencies in the field of human relations on the Southern and national level have been extremely concerned about this emergency situation. We have been wondering if some of these agencies could not pool their resources to provide some assistance by way of personnel, services, and financial support, in behalf of the 1,700 displaced children in the county.

We have not been able to get a sufficiently clear picture of the situation and needs in Prince Edward County to solicit any funds and do any program planning. The communications of the Prince Edward County Christian Association are extremely vague about plans, current activities, needed funds, etc. What we urgently need is for some knowledgeable person to consult with the local leadership in Prince Edward County, to give us a clear report of the facts of the situation, and to recommend to us activities or assistance that would be of help.

I don't think we need only think in terms of formal schooling for these children. It would seem virtually impossible to think in terms of classroom schooling for 1,700 students. How much money do they need to maintain the fifty-two students now in Kittrell Junior College throughout the year? Is this money already in hand?

Is any recreational or supervisory or tutorial effort presently underway? Would it be helpful to send in a recreational specialist?

Are there any special educational needs that could be met during this period? Perhaps some students may be deficient in a particular academic area due to poor educational opportunities in the past.

If you are able to handle this chore, you could probably be of considerable help to Rev. Griffin and the PECCA. I would hope that you could consult with him about his community organization effort and help him strengthen the effectiveness of his group. Probably before going into Prince Edward County, it would be helpful for you to talk at some length with Banks, Bowers, and Hill. Both Banks and Bowers have had considerable contact with Prince Edward County and Griffin. I suggest Hill so that we can guard against any programming that will jeopardize the legal aspects.

This effort would be financed by the Consultant Service Program of the Southern Regional Council. You would be reimbursed at the rate of $40 per day plus expenses.

We would hope that you would be responsible for the effort. We would have no objection to your involving another person to help, although we might have to negotiate about the compensation concerned if several people are involved.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling

PMR/sm
cc: John Hope

P.S. Tell Tinsley Spraggins to send my speech back.

November 20, 1959

Mr. Sylvan Meyer, Editor
Gainesville Times
Gainesville, Georgia

Dear Mr. Meyer:

A thermafax of Walter Spearman's manuscript is enclosed. As you will see, it is still rough, though I believe Walter regards it as basically finished. We shall have a couple of editorial suggestions to make to Walter regarding it.

I can't tell you how pleased we are that you have consented to make a contribution to this "symposium." As I said to you on the phone, our thought would be that your essay could appropriately be keyed to Walter's tenth conclusion (page 10 of the first section of his manuscript); the general objective of the essay would be an evaluation of the southern press since 1954 in terms of some such factors as the following:

- has it clearly indicated realistic alternatives on the school question?
- has it sought to calm the climate of opinion, or has it helped inflame it?
- has it performed the press' historic role of a critic of public policy and policy makers?

I suspect and hope that you will want to take a handle on this in some fashion of your own. These questions are not, therefore, meant to be binding on you but only to suggest the kind of thing we have in mind. You are not limited to discussing the same papers or the same stories that Walter has covered .

If you feel any need to refresh your recollections, we have clipping files as well as Southern School News library on microfilm. If you want at some stage to kick this around with us, please come down.

With best regards, and please call (collect) if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Enclosure: thermafax copy
Spearman manuscript

November 20, 1959

Mrs. Dewey B. Mullins
144 Cedar Lane
Merrifield, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Mullins:

I was so glad yesterday to receive your hotel bill. I lost the slip you gave me and couldn't remember just who it was. Our treasurer says the confusion came because you had a question mark after Piedmont Hotel and she thought the bill was for the Piedmont Hotel, and therefore knowing the Piedmont Hotel bill was charged to Southern Regional Council she made the check out as she gave you.

We are working now on the Gleanings of the Workshop. You will receive them just as soon as we get the manuscript from the Rabbi.

With best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Enclosure

November 20, 1959

Mrs. Cynthia R. Polychrone
70 - 10th Street, N. W.
Atlanta 9, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Polychrone:

We are very grateful to you for the splendid resume of the Workshop. Enclosed please find a check. You can consider yourself the reporter for next year, that is if you wish it.

Thank you and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/lec
Enclosure

November 20, 1959

Via Air Mail

Dr. Tinsley L. Spraggins
Department of Social Studies
Virginia Union University
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Tinsley:

Where in hell is my speech?

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling

PMR/sm

November 20, 1959

The Rev. Robert Hughes
Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 1218, Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Bob:

Don't worry about the Bension letter. I did not intend that you should follow up the deal other than perhaps inquiring about him from reliable sources at the University. I don't blame you for being suspicious of him. He certainly wrote an odd letter. I suspect he is a sincere, but eccentric liberal.

I am sorry if you thought my letter too encouraging and specific. I meant it to be friendly, general, helpful-sounding, but completely meaningless and promising nothing but suggesting that he check with you if he insists on following up.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

November 20, 1959

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I had interesting and I hope constructive discussions with Courtney and Mr. Wright during the recent Council meeting here. Courtney has undoubtedly passed on to you the substance of the discussions.

It is possible that the Panel for Americans program could be adapted for your needs. I know that organization would be happy to cooperate with anything constructive as far South as Columbia.

I did work with the Panel while I was in Virginia. What it involves is the selection of a panel of students representing both races and various religious and ethnic backgrounds. If you believe that the group could follow through with sufficient adult guidance, that students could be selected and prepared, and that audiences would be available, you should write to:

Miss Marian Hargrave, Field Director
National Council for the Panel
of Americans
Tenth Floor 386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

November 20, 1959

Mr. Barry Weeks
A.F.L. - C.I.O. Council
Lyric Building
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Weeks:

At the request of Bob Hughes, Executive Director of the Alabama Council on Human Relations, we are sending you county by county statistics of Negroes and whites of voting age, in the state of Alabama.

If we can be of further help, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field
Activities

PMR/sm
cc: Bob Hughes

November 23, 1959

Mr. David Kreig
316 Virginia Road
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Kreig:

Miss Louise Young asked me to send you a list of books which we are selling at discount prices. We have only three at this time, they include: SOUTHERN HERITAGE by James McBride Dabbs, $2.50; THE SOUTHERN TEMPER by William Peters, $2.50; and WILLIE MAE by Elizabeth Kytle, $2.10.

You are probably familiar with the first two books. The latter is the story of a Negro maid who once worked for the Kytles and her realization in the final chapter of the importance of voting and its relation to equal opportunities. It is a most readable book.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec

November 23, 1959

Mr. J. G. Towles
P. O. Box 7343
Dallas 9, Texas

Dear Mr. Towles:

Enclosed is some information concerning the Council plus a copy of our latest publication NEW SOUTH.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec
Enclosures

November 23, 1959

Miss Louise Young
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2001 Division Street
Nashville 4, Tennessee

Dear Miss Young:

Your letter concerning films, TV and radio has been referred to Leslie Dunbar, our Director of Research. His department handles this sort of request now.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec

November 23, 1959

Mr. Will D. Campbell
Box 1083
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Will:

I have turned your letter concerning churches over to Leslie Dunbar since this is in the research division. As I remember, we have very little which would be of use to you; but perhaps Les has some suggestions.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec

November 23, 1959

Miss Louise Young
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2001 Division Street
Nashville 4, Tennessee

Dear Miss Young:

Thank you for the check for THE SOUTHERN TEMPER.

I have turned over to Leslie Dunbar, Director of Research, your query concerning housing. Mr. Dunbar will send the material directly to the person you mentioned. I am mailing Mr. Kreig a list of our books today.

Again thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec

November 23, 1959

Mr. Hodding Carter
Delta-Democrat Times
Greenville, Mississippi

Dear Hodding:

I just want to say a word of hearty thanks to you for giving Hired Hatchet man Matthews the treatment he deserves, and for defending SRC's good name. I'm sorry I was out of town when the business broke, but other staff members gave out appropriate statements to the UPI.

It occurs to me that you ought to have an up-to-date list of SRC's members, enclosed.

If there's anything more we should do, please let me know.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - (Board list)

November 23, 1959

Mr. Irving E. Carlyle
Wachovia Bank Building
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Carlyle:

We are indeed grateful for your generous contribution to the Council again this year. Our receipt for this contribution is enclosed.

This action will be held in confidence, as you request.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1. (Official receipt)

November 23, 1959

Mr. John Hope, II
Department of Race Relations
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear John:

Charles King of North Carolina College turned us down. I have talked with Dean Henderson, who was very interested and thought he would be able to undertake the job. We should hear from him very soon.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm
Enc.

MEMORANDUM November 23, 1959

To: Dr. W. C. Cowart
From: Paul Rilling

Did you note the enclosed clipping in the local paper? This would seem to be a natural project for the Georgia Council, particularly in view of the precedent that has been set in other Southern states.

I am also enclosing some material concerning the official policy of the American Nursing Association.

PMR/sm
Enc.

November 23, 1959

The Rev. Will Campbell
National Council of Churches
P. O. Box 1083
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Will:

Our inter-agency subcommittee concerned with developing procedures to respond to the needs of displaced children due to school closure, wants to compile a list of desegregated private schools in the border states but also in some of the closer Northern states. It is our thought that some of these schools may be interested in taking displaced Negro students from time to time. This would meet an educational need and provide a good experience for the school.

Most of the schools are denominational. I thought I would write our inter-agency colleagues from several of the denominations for the information. I thought you might have some of the information. For instance, I would have no idea whom to write for information concerning such schools supported by the Mennonites, Seventh Day Adventists, etc.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

November 23, 1959

Southern Education Reporting Service
P. O. Box 6156 Acklen Station
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Gentlemen:

We are trying to compile a list of private and parochial schools in the Southern and border states which are presently desegregated. We would appreciate having any information along this line that your files may yield.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

November 23, 1959

Mr. Paul Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 22, Virginia

Dear Paul:

Several of the human relations agencies at the national and regional level have been consulting together in an effort to work out some way of assisting Negro children who from time to time are displaced from school as a result of the present crisis. As you know, there are currently some thirty-five children out of school in Yancey County, North Carolina, and 1,700 in Prince Edward County, Virginia.

Among the things suggested is the possibility of placing a few of the superior students in these groups in private and parochial schools in the Southern and border states which are desegregated. If this were possible it would be an excellent experience for the displaced students and would meet a real educational need for at least some of the superior students.

A number of the schools presently desegregated in the border area are Catholic schools. We thought that in at least some of these schools displaced Negro students could be accepted without any particular furor in the surrounding community. Do you think this is at all a possibility? If so, what procedure could we follow in approaching the proper authorities to discuss the idea?

It was good to see you at the Annual Meeting. I am sorry we did not have more opportunity to talk.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

November 23, 1959

Mr. William Monroe
WDSU Broadcasting Corp.
520 Royal Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Monroe:

At the request of Mrs. Moise Cahn, we are enclosing some of our material. We trust it will be helpful to you in your editorial programs.

We have put your name on our mailing list to receive future publications of the Council, and hope you will let us know if we can be of further help.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm
Enc.

P.S. We understand that Col. Ben Muse has talked with you recently and may well have passed on some of this material. We thought it best to send it on just in case, rather than waiting to check with him.

VIA AIR MAIL

November 23, 1959

Mr. Ernest R. Dickson
Bank of New York
530 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Dickson:

This is to give you written confirmation of our telephone conversation of last Friday, authorizing you on behalf of the Southern Regional Council to sell the stock given to the Council by Mrs. Stephen R. Currier. The proceeds should be remitted to the Southern Regional Council, in care of the undersigned, at the address shown above.

We are grateful for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 23, 1959

Mr. Edward R. Wright, Jr.
CONCERN
P. O. Box 871
Nashville 2, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Wright:

Enclosed are several pages on "creeping realism" and the churches which I have put together hastily from two recent speeches.

If Concern would like to use all or any part of these comments, I shall be more than glad for you to do so.

With good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

STATEMENT BY HAROLD C. FLEMING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

I

A national newspaper article, borrowing a phrase from the Southern Regional Council, describes the recent period in the South as one of "creeping realism." The phrase is apt. In recent months, there have been significant shifts in the posture of some Southern leadership. Grudging and minimal though they may be, these changes clearly reflect a more realistic trend in the region.

Consider these developments out of the last year:

Virginia's doctrine of "massive resitance" collapsed and was replaced by a policy of "freedom of choice." The attempt to substitute private for public schools in several cities proved intolerably expensive and inadequate. Under the new dispensation, 86 Negro pupils are attending classes with whites in 5 communities, although one rural county has abandoned public schools entirely.

In Little Rock, the business leadership finally rallied in opposition to the bankrupt policy of closed schools imposed on the city by Governor Faubus and the organized segregationists. The high schools reopened in September, after a year of disuse, and now have a token desegregation of 8 Negro pupils.

Florida dipped a gingerly toe into desegregation with the opening of Miami's Orchard Villa school to both races. Located in a transitional neighborhood, the school now has a scant four white children out of a total enrollment of about 400. But this, plus desegregation of a nearby school serving military personnel, puts Florida into the category of complying rather than defiant states.

In North Carolina, token desegregation spread this fall into three new communities, making a total of seven. However, there was little evidence of willingness to make more than a symbolic showing of non-discriminatory assignments.

In Tennessee, Nashville inched forward another grade in its "stairstep" plan of desegregation; and anticipated trouble failed to develop as Memphis State University admitted its first Negro students.

In Virginia, Atlanta, and Little Rock, private citizens have organized to preserve public education through compliance with the law of the land. Many of these people may be classed among the "moderates," whose voices have been so conspicuously absent from the public debate. Their newly found articulateness is one of the best indices to the spread of realism in the South.

In short, the past year has been a time of slow but steady advance for the legal principle of desegregation. This calls for emphasis at a variety of points -- moral, economic, educational, and governmental.

Southerners need reassurance that desegregation can be constructive and workable; we need to see more clearly that the price tags on defiance are prohibitively large and as certain as death; we need more familiarity with the techniques that have produced the best results in other communities; we need to discard the myths and stereotypes of the past that inhibit clear thinking and the logical weighing of alternatives. Above all, we need to become more conscious of the effect of our public policies on human beings. Legal and social abstractions have dominated the race relations debate too long; we need to be thinking about people, in moral terms, and also in terms of the practical well-being of our society.

Somewhat hesitantly, I advance the possibility that our religious leadership doesn't know it's own strength -- that the principles of social justice are gaining practical support more rapidly than most of our churches and church leadership are growing in the courage of their convictions. There is a wry joke in the human relations field -- "If we don't get busy, they're going to integrate without us." At times, I wonder if it is a joke. And I should think my uneasiness might well be shared by the religious institutions.

Well, why shouldn't they integrate without us? It might be a bit humiliating, but after all the end result is the important thing. Yet this, it seems to me, is just the point: the end result will not be the same if the revision of our racial patterns is left to purely economic, purely practical motivation.

We are approaching the time when the "hard core" states of Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, South Carolina, and perhaps even Mississippi, will face legal requirements to begin school desegregation. These showdowns in the heartland of segregation may well produce some of the bitterest reactions yet seen in the South's tortured transition.

Yet, for most of the Southern states, segregation is no longer an absolute to be defended at all costs against the slightest encroachment. The problems of outright lawlessness and massive resistance are gradually being replaced by less dramatic, but more complex problems. The new strategy of resistance is a subtle one -- that is, to satisfy the bare letter of the law, but to defeat its spirit.

For the religious leadership and institutions of the South, all these factors point toward a greater rather than lessened challenge. As the decision-makers of our society begin to take human relations problems seriously, out of a sense of practical urgency, they need more than ever the guidance and help of religious leadership. The overall task is to hasten the convergence of justice and expeidency -- and to make sure that justice is proportionately represented. Even the man who gives purely expedient reasons for doing the right thing may, deep down, be strengthened and supported by the claims of morality.

As the law advances in its outward forms, it becomes more urgent to advance the inward spirit, the recognition of the importance of the individual human being, the simple quality of kindliness. In short, now more than ever is the time to give vitality to the basic principles of the major faiths which Americans and Southerners profess.

via air mail   November 23, 1959

Mr. John V. P. Lassoe
N. A. I. R. O.
Room 209, 426 West 58th Street
New York 19, New York

Dear John:

Paul Rilling and I have read the form letter for first-time applicants. It is a good, comprehensive job. We offer the following suggestions for whatever they are worth:

(1) Under "Geography:" on page 2, a note on the South might be in order, pointing out that most, if not all, positions are with private agencies, generally one-or two-man offices, preference given to Southern applicants, particularly for field work, etc.

(2) Under "Education," we wonder whether too much emphasis isn't given to M.A. status, and whether fields of study ought not to include religion.

(3) On page 4, is it really candid to say that intergroup agencies simply do not hire on a quota basis? Many agencies have what amounts to a quota system, however benevolent it may be.

(4) Also on page 4, you might add another personal quality to suggest the breadth and variety

required of a good intergrouper -- "broad general understanding of people and community structure" or something of the sort. Rilling makes the point that the "generalist" should be encouraged.

I hope these random suggestions will be of some help. All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Encls: MUSE REPORTS:
"New Orleans Survey, Nov. 1-9, 1959"
"Lester Kabacoff -- Judge J. Skelly Wright, Nov. 2-6, 1959"
"William Munroe -- Orleans Parish School Bod., Nov. 4-5, 1959"
"Msgr. Henry C. Bezou, Supt. of [illegible] Catholic Parochial Schools, New Orleans, Nov. 3, 1959"
"New Orleans, Nov. 1-9, 1959 - Addresses of People Seen..."
"New Orleans Times-Picayune, Nov. 3, 1959 - George W. Healy, Jr., Editor -- Harold P. McCall, Associate Editor."

November 23, 1959

Dr. Harry Meserve
Rockefeller Brothers Fund
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York

Dear Harry:

Enclosed, for your files, are copies of several recent reports by Benjamin Muse.

Incidentally, the next meeting of the Southern interagency group is set for January 19 and 20, at Atlanta University, as usual. I don't have to tell you that you will be most welcome if you can make it.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 6.

November 23, 1959

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Top Knot
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

Thanks for the kind words about the Annual Meeting and for your suggestion that Dean Brandis be added to the Council's membership at the earliest opportunity.

I concur heartily in your enthusiasm for Brandis. He is an alternate in the current list, b ut if his name is not reached, he will certainly be at the top of next year's roster for the Nominating Committee.

Appreciation and congratulations for the good letter to the Ashville Citizen. I am glad to report that we have been able to secure some substantial support for the displaced Burnsville pupils.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

via air mail   November 23, 1959

Mr. Samuel Spiegler, Editor
Journal of Intergroup Relations
N.A.I.R.O.
Room 1530
55 West 42nd Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Mr. Spiegler:

I should like very much to review Jack Greenberg's book for the Journal of Intergroup Relations, but unfortunately there's not a chance of my getting a review done in time.

It happens that Dr. Leslie Dunbar of our staff is reviewing the book for our own publication, New South, and expects to have the review done by December 1. He and I would be glad to have you use it concurrently with New South, if you wish. It would not be necessary to treat it as other than a review exclusively for the Journal. Dunbar is a political scientist and really better equipped than I to review a book of this type.

Let me know if you would like to receive Dunbar's manuscript.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P.A. ✓

RHA ✓ fyi

November 23, 1959

Mrs. Adele R. Levy, President
Adele R. Levy Fund, Inc.
100 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mrs. Levy:

You are very kind to respond to my recent letter with a generous commitment of $1,000 annually for five years from the Adele R. Levy Fund. This is both a generous and an effective way of assisting the work of the Council.

I hope I may still have the opportunity in the near future to see you and express our appreciation in person.

Meanwhile, please accept my warm thanks on behalf of the Council and my kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 23, 1959

Mr. James Marks
154 Wade Lane,
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Marks:

At the request of Mrs. Louise Young, executive director of the Tennessee Council on Human Relations, we are mailing you today under separate cover, Where Shall We Live? This is a report of the Commission on Race and Housing, the conclusions from a three-year study. In our opinion, this is the best information available on housing. You will note an appendix in the back, listing other materials, and some other books to be published in the future.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
Where Shall We Live?

November 23, 1959

Mr. Warren R. Cochrane
General Secretary
Butler Street Y.M.C.A.
22 Butler Street, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Cochrane:

I shall be glad to speak on January 6, 1960 at the Hungry Club. It is good of you to ask me back.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

November 23, 1959

Mr. Jacob Fox, Counsel
Board of Education
31 Green Street
Newark 2, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Fox:

We are pleased to mail you today the requested three copies of If the Schools Are Closed. Our policy is to send one copy free upon request; additional copies are 25 cents each.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Adm. Sec., Research

Mailed separately:
3 - If the Schools Are Closed

November 23, 1959

Mrs. Betsy D. Taylor
Chairman, Southeast Region
YWCA Conference
P. O. Box T-3
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Taylor:

Thanks for your understanding letter of November 18. I shall look forward with pleasure to being with you on June 17, and I will see that a text or outline of my presentation reaches you by June 1.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 23, 1959

Mrs. Daisy Bates
1207 West 28th Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Bates:

It was good of you to take the time to write in the midst of so much activity. I am exceedingly sorry, however, that the continuing pressure of the Little Rock situation makes it necessary for you to resign from the Council. The leadership you have given there has been a matter of pride for us during the past two-and-a-half years.

I hope you will call on us for any service the Council can render, and that we may also feel free to ask your advice and help as occasion arises. Meanwhile, I shall see that you continue to receive the Council's materials, and will look forward to the time when you may feel it possible to serve on the Council again.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 24, 1959

Mr. George W. Oakes
734 15th Street, N. W.
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Mr. Oakes:

We are enclosing, in response to your letter of November 20, a listing of desegregated colleges and universities in the South. In using these lists, we would like for you to keep in mind two considerations: 1) the lists may not be complete; 2) the naming of an institution does not necessarily mean that its student body is bi-racial, but only that a policy of non-racial admission has been announced.

There are also enclosed copies of articles or addresses by Guy Johnson, Howard Grimes, and Julius Gassner. There are two other references which we would recommend to you: Don Shoemaker, ed., With All Deliberate Speed, Chapter 10; and an article by Guy Johnson in the April 1958 issue of The Review of Politics.

These articles will supply you with descriptions of several specific instances of the success and difficulties of the desegregation of higher education. At some of the larger schools in the South, admissions have become largely routine. I suppose the University of North Carolina would be as good an example as any of a school which has successfully met the issue.

You asked our comment as to why integration in the colleges in the South seems to have been more successful than in the lower schools. A number of reasons might explain this. For professional and graduate education, the law was spelled out soon, and there has been more time to adjust to it. There is even less arguable ground for claiming that the Negro facilities were or are equal to the white institutions. The tremendous expense of duplicating facilities for higher education, particularly at the graduate and professional levels, has discouraged all but the most fervent segregationists from advocating that the states do so. College faculties and even administrations are somewhat less influenced by community pressures than are those of the lower schools. Desegregation in higher education began at the graduate and professional level where objective standards dominate. Schools of higher education are generally regarded as less a community possession, expressive of the community's culture, than are the lower schools.

On the other hand, in deep South states such as Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina, and Mississippi, the resistance to any desegregation of higher education has, up to the present, been completely firm. Furthermore, desegregation of higher education may well be less successful, academically, than one could fairly expect desegregation of the lower schools to be, and this for the reason that by the time the Negro youth enters a college or graduate school, he is already handicapped by years of frequently inferior preparation.

We shall look forward to your article with a great deal of interest. As we do not subscribe to the Star, we would be grateful to you if you might send us a copy of your piece, if you have one to spare.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Enclosures:
- Gassner, Julius - "Integration in Acadia" Interracial Review
- Grimes, Howard - "Experiences of an Integrated School" New South, February 1956
- Johnson, Guy B. - "Integration in Public Southern Institutions of Higher Learning"
- Desegregating white institutions; desegregating Negro institutions, from SRC files

November 24, 1959

Mrs. C. H. Owens
748 N. W. 29th Terrace
Miami 37, Florida

Dear Mrs. Owens:

Enclosed are the programs for your workshop December 1 and 2.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Luel E. Cummings
Secretary to Mrs. Tilly

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Enclosures

November 24, 1959

Via Air Mail

Mr. James R. Noland
The Church Welfare Bureau
Council of Churches of Greater Houston
9 Chelsea Place
Houston 6, Texas

Dear Jim:

I notice that according to the Southern School News, a number of Negro children are currently out of school altogether in protest against their assignment to Cuero, following the loss of the desegregation election in Goliad.

We have been working with several other agencies on some sort of program to meet emergency needs of "displaced persons" in such situations as the Front Royal, Virginia, emergency last year and the Prince Edward County, Virginia, and Yancey County, North Carolina, ones this year. We are anxious to have information concerning any such situations.

I would appreciate it if you could let us know the facts of the Goliad situation as soon as you can.

I hope things are going well with the Houston Council. I heard a good report during our recent Annual Meeting here from Mrs. Crate and Mrs. Rayzor. Let me know if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

November 25, 1959

Mrs. Darlene S. Teed
Librarian
Sparrows Point High School
Sparrows Point
Baltimore 19, Maryland

Dear Mrs. Teed:

We are enclosing the publications listing. Since this list was published we have added:

"The Negro and the Ballot in the South," 40 cents per single copy.

"Intimidation, Reprisal, and Violence in the South's Racial Crisis," 40 cents per single copy.

"A Background Report on School Desegregation for 1959-60," (mimeographed), 20 cents per single copy.

"A Survey of Waiting Room Facilities in 21 Southern Cities," (mimeographed), 10 cents per single copy.

"The Economic Effects of School Closings," single copy free on request.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

SAME COPY: Mr. Lewis Deer

November 25, 1959

Dr. Lynette Saine
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Saine:

We are enclosing a copy of your address as submitted by the reporter of the workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned. Please edit it and return to us as soon as possible so that we may get out the gleanings. We are enclosing a self-addressed envelop for your convenience.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Luel E. Cummings
Secretary to Mrs. Tilly

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Encl.

November 25, 1959

Miss Louise Young
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2001 Division Street
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Louise:

I shall be happy to consult with you in more detail about fund-raising problems in Tennessee. The division of responsibility in this matter between staff and board is a perennial problem with such groups as ours. About the only answer I can give you is that it is normally good policy to fix as much responsibility upon board members as you can, realizing, however, that in the last analysis the major responsibility for following up and insuring results inevitably rests with the director.

In some of the state councils, the director does virtually all of the fund-raising. In other cases the director is able to get considerable help from a state finance committee or from individual board members. In these cases, the director's role is one of coordinating the work of such persons, motivating them, etc. Some board members will work and take responsibility in this area, however, this is generally the more difficult area of our work in which to involve board members effectively.

Most of your time and effort to date has been directed towards building a program, activating a strong local Council in Nashville, etc. This was, I believe, the right emphasis for the first year of staffed operation of the Tennessee Council. I would also feel that now is the time when you can shift a considerable portion of your time and effort to the effort of fund-raising and membership. An effective fund-raising effort during the next twelve months will hopefully build a firm base for the Tennessee Council which will make fund-raising less difficult and time-consuming in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

November 25, 1959

Mr. Omer Carmichael
Superintendent of Schools
Administration Building
506 West Hill Street
Louisville 8, Kentucky

Dear Omer:

Enclosed is the transcript of your television appearance in Atlanta on September 13. We are as pleased with the transcription as we were with the telecast, and would like to make it available as a Special Report of the Southern Regional Council.

There may be passages you would like to edit or revise, either because of errors in the transcribing or because you feel the language needs polishing -- though, I must say, I think it reads exceptionally well. If you can find time to look through the manuscript and send it back to us with any changes you wish noted, I will be most appreciative.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/sm

November 25, 1959

Professor Walter Spearman
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Walter:

I am at last able to write to you with definite word about our publication planning; I am sorry that it has not proved possible to do this before.

We have got Sylvan Meyer's agreement to write an essay of 5,000 to 6,000 words, keyed to your 10th conclusion, and offering a general evaluation of the responsibility and leadership of the Southern press on the racial question since 1954. As you undoubtedly know, Mr. Meyer is editor of the Gainesville Daily Times; he is also chairman of the Georgia Advisory Committee to the Commission on Civil Rights, and, as I learned but you will know, a former student of yours. He will not in his essay, in any sense, engage in a dialogue with you. He will take off from your statement that the press may have done a better job in reporting than in interpreting, and then say whatever he has in mind to say - which, we are confident, will be well worth reading.

The plan of the pamphlet will then be as follows:

1) A foreword by Harold Fleming explaining the purposes and limitations of the study.
2) Your piece
3) Sylvan Meyer's piece, perhaps separated by an editorial interpolation along the lines of "Professor Spearman's final conclusion seems to invite comment. We have accordingly asked a practicing Southern journalist, etc."
4) Reprints of several good examples of self-scrutiny by the Southern press.

I searched our clipping files and was both surprised and pleased to find that there has been, especially in the last year or so, a number of editorials, columns, and features in which editors or columnists have given the Southern press some self-evaluation. Some of these are very good, and they represent diverse viewpoints. We think, therefore, that the pamphlet can be filled out and concluded by reprinting a selection of the best.

There is one other possible ingredient, though I am not sanguine about its likelihood. We are discussing with Harry Ashmore his interest in writing a piece similar to that which Mr. Meyer is doing. We are decided, however, that what I have outlined above will make a very respectable contribution and are prepared to go ahead on that basis with or without Ashmore. In short, publication date, according to present plans, will be determined by when Mr. Meyer completes his manuscript.

Walter, I hope you will find this plan satisfactory and even attractive. Assuming that you will, we need to settle on our next steps. There are just a few suggestions that we will want to make in your manuscript. Suppose I therefore send the manuscript to you next week with our suggestions? Could you then review it and get it back to us as soon as your busy schedule permits.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a cc: Sylvan Meyer (Blind)

November 25, 1959

Mr. David Koonce
Commission on Civil Rights
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Koonce:

Harold Fleming asked me to send to you the addresses of some of the extremist publications. I am sure this list is not at all complete, but these are probably the principle ones (we are not sure the ones marked with an asterisk are still being published):

principal

The Augusta Courier, 1300 Southern Finance Bldg., Augusta, Georgia
The Citizens' Council, 813 Plaza Bldg., Jackson, Miss.
Common Sense, 530 Chestnut St., Union, New Jersey
The American Nationalist, Box 301, Inglewood, Calif.
The Georgia Tribune, P. O. Box 629, Columbus, Ga.
The Montgomery News, 455 Julia St., Montgomery 4, Ala.
Georgia Recorder, 202 E. Sixth St., Waynesboro, Ga.
*Militant Truth, P. O. Box 2203, Atlanta 1, Ga.
*The Independent American, 7314 Zimple Street, New Orleans 18, La.
The White Sentinel, P. O. Box 156, St. Louis 3, Mo. (We understand that this is being published now out of Florida, but are unable to find the address.)

Another and very curious publication came our way recently; it is Frontier, published by the Institute for Biopolitics, P. O. Box 1785, Chicago 90, Illinois.

As I believe Mr. Fleming suggested, I think you would do well to consult the Anti-Defamation League, which has paid more systematic attention to this sort of literature than perhaps anyone else.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

November 25, 1959

Mr. Rufus C. Kuykendall
Assistant Director
Office of Law, Plans and Research
Commission on Civil Rights
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kuykendall:

A copy of our report of last Summer on waiting room practices is enclosed, as requested in your letter of November 16. In covering our report, a few newspapers carried further reports of their local situations: copies os such that we have seen are also enclosed.

We attempted a survey of roughly twice the 21 cities which we finally included. For one reason or another, the reports we got from the others were considered not usable; most of them, however, contained some reliable and interesting information, and you are welcome to examine our files.

In January 1957 and again in January 1959, New South reported on the Southern cities which had desegregated their transit systems. Copies of these articles are enclosed.

In 1957 or 1958, the NAACP undertook a survey of the treatment of Negroes in intra- and interstate transportation. We have seen only preliminary results of this, and understand that the survey was never completed. You may wish, however, to correspond with Mr. Gloster B. Current, Director of Branches, NAACP, 20 West 40th St., New York 18, N. Y.

The legal situation regarding segregated transportation has been most recently reviewed in:

Greenberg, Race Relations and American Law, pp. 82-87, 114-132; and p. 372 and passim in Appendix A;

Race Relations Law Reporter, vol. 2, pp. 900-903 (August 1957)

I believe it would be best if we did not try to go beyond these two sources and our report on waiting rooms in noting which states make a distinction between intra- and interstate travel. You are, of course, familiar with the recent or pending litigation regarding the Birmingham and Mobile buses, the Greenville air terminal, the Atlanta air terminal's restaurant, the recent order of the I.C.C. regarding the waiting rooms of the bus lines in Memphis.

Finally, we have clipping files running back several years which you are welcome to consult.

It is encouraging that the Commission is contemplating this enlargement of its field of inquiry. We wish you full success, and hope that you will call on us whenever we can be of assistance.

Sincerely yours,

LWD:A

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

Enclosures:
"Waiting Room Practices in 21 Southern Cities"
newsclips: Washington Post, July 26, 1959
Norfolk Virginian-Pilot, July 26, 1959
New South, February 1959
thermafax, from New South, January 1957

November 30, 1959

Via Air Mail

Mr. Herbert Davidson
Daytona Beach Journal
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Herb:

Between travel and the Thanksgiving interruption, I am later than I like with this note of thanks for your contribution to SRC once again at the Annual Meeting. But I can now thank you, too, for your fine editorial written on your return from Atlanta.

Your loyal and thoughtful support of SRC through good years and bad means a lot to me, as it has to others on the staff and board. It not only warms the cockles, but makes me feel that we must be doing some good to deserve your loyalty.

My best always to you and Liliane.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/sm

November 30, 1959

Professor Thomas Pettigrew
Harvard University
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

Dear Tom:

I enjoyed our conversation in Taconic's offices and am looking forward to resuming it when you are in Atlanta.

Meanwhile, I am sending you some of our recent publications, including our latest report on Negro voter registration in the South. I am also putting you on the mailing list for future publications.

Please convey my regards to Professor Allport. He contributed to my undergraduate indoctrination, and, while it's not his fault, that is one reason I'm in this field.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/sm

sent separately:
- Negro Voter
- Private School Study
- Background report
- Director's report
- L Reports
- latest New South

November 30, 1959

Mrs. J. N. Rayzor
3207 Groveland Lane
Houston, Texas

Dear Mrs. Rayzor:

This is to add a word of warm thanks to Mrs. Alexander's for your further contribution to SRC at the time of the Annual Meeting.

We are as proud as we can be of the Texas representation on the Council. Your quiet and unfailing support gives us fresh appreciation of our good fortune.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P. S. -- I just got around to reading William Peters' article on Mrs. White in one of the national magazines. (I'm sure you saw it.) It's a most encouraging story.

November 30, 1959

Mrs. Joseph L. May
202 Lynwood Blvd.
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Mrs. May:

In response to a request from Miss Louise Young, executive director of the Tennessee Council on Human Relations, we are sending you information on films and filmstrips and material for TV and radio.

If you are interested in scripts for performance on radio and TV, we can give you some information on these.

Best wishes for your term as Tennessee chairman, and if we can help you further please call on us.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

Enclosed:
- SRC film bibliography
- NCCJ list of visual aids
- Transcript, "The Washington School Story"

November 30, 1959

Mrs. LeMon Clark
1651 Rockwood Trail
Fayetteville, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Clark:

At the request of Professor D. R. Green, we are sending you our pamphlet, If the Schools Are Closed. Since one copy is free, on request, we are sending you five copies for the $1.00 you enclosed.

I am taking the liberty of enclosing with these pamphlets some other literature on schools which may be of interest to The League of Women Voters in Fayetteville.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
- 5 copies, If the Schools Are Closed
- Organizing to Save Public Schools
- Background Report on School Desegregation for 1959-60
- New South, April, October, November 1959
- Phi Delta Kappa, Action Patterns in School Desegregation
- L Reports, 8a, 10, 11, 12

November 30, 1959

Via Air Mail

Mr. Benjamin Muse
Manassas
Virginia

Dear Ben:

Since my correspondence is as sadly in arrears as ever -- in fact, somewhat more so -- this has to cover several matters at once.

(1). I was doubly sorry to go under on the eve of the Annual Meeting since it deprived you and me of the opportunity to get caught up in conversation. The experience with Riggs in New Orleans was certainly enough to nauseate you, but I hope you won't let it bother you unduly. There are a lot of these neanderthal types around -- some of them in important positions -- but they're not going anywhere, except to oblivion. SRC has already outlasted many of them.

(2). Aside from the Chamber unpleasantness, your reports on New Orleans are fairly encouraging. I'm especially glad to learn of your luncheon with Judge Wright and Mr. Kabacoff.

(3). It is good news that the arrangement with Brewbaker has been satisfactorily concluded. We will be guided by your joint thinking when the time comes to announce the relationship. At some appropriate time, you might "immunize" him a bit against the sort of thing you ran into in New Orleans. He is sure to encounter the same -- or, worse, specific smears of SRC -- sooner or later. We have plenty of counter-material available here.

(4). A letter will soon go forward from Mr. Dabbs, inviting Brooks Hays to membership in SRC. My guess is he will decline, but I thought you should know.

(5). You may have noted that I described your assignment in my written report dated October 19. This report went to members, state councils, contributors, and influential friends of SRC. Do you think this is sufficient announcement of the project? If not, let me have your candid views on what further steps we should take.

(6). I had hoped to talk with you about the proposal that you write a comprehensive account of the collapse of "massive resistance" in Virginia. But I am happy that you have decided to do it; the temporary curtailment of your other activities will, I believe, be more than repaid. I do hope you will have a chance to discuss the project with Francis Pickens Miller, who will be pleased by your decision.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/sm

November 30, 1959

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Topknot
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

Your letter to the Attorney General is admirably done. I will look forward with great interest to word of his reaction. If he responds meaningfully, I should suppose one of the first questions raised will pertain to attendance. Who may be expected to come to an integrated institute of the sort described? Certainly not those most in need of persuasion. If I infer correctly, you are saying that the public relations effect of the institute would carry the thrust to the unpersuaded. Is this an accurate assumption? If so, I think it will have to be spelled out more explicitly for the Attorney General.

But such elaborations can await the initial response.

On another subject, I have not yet succeeded in arousing much interest in the proposal for a "hard core" conference of specialists at Penn. I am still trying, however, and will hope to have some encouraging word for you and Courtney sometime soon. If I don't, the proposal can still be submitted through normal channels to appropriate foundations -- which would be my recommendation.

I am returning herewith the various commendatory letters you sent recently. They are both heart-warming and entirely justified.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/sm
Enc.

November 30, 1959

Via Air Mail

Mrs. Bem Price
3916 Mackall Avenue
McLean, Virginia

Dear Margaret:

Thanks for your not-so-recent letter.

Please tell Bem that the Vann Woodward business is no great matter -- mostly a question of passing curiosity that I thought he might know something about.

Speaking of Baker -- the county and the man -- I take it you know about Bob's new assignment to the Post's "European" bureau in London. I'll never understand these papers; they invest a tremendous amount to make a man an "expert" in one field, then promptly shift him to another.

I haven't heard yet who is to replace Ball, but I've concluded that SERS is a real stepping-stone to a better job.

I haven't got any bright ideas for a Nation article. But if you feel like sounding off, why not fire off something? You're in good shape to pontificate about Negro suffrage in general or in one or more particulars.

Ben Muse has given up the Post columns, feeling that he couldn't do justice to a "Virginia Affairs" column while traipsing all over the South for us.

I feel wretched about it and have been trying to promote the idea of his continuing with a "Southern scene" type of column. But no success -- at least not so far.

The best to you both.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/sm

November 30, 1959

Mr. William Bagwell
American Friends Service Committee
1818 South Main Street
High Point, North Carolina

Dear Bill:

Thanks for your letter of November 24. I'm sure Little Rock is the better -- if you're not -- for your sojourn there. We will look forward to news of further progress by Thelma Babbitt.

We have heard from Tindall, among others, regarding association meeting places. I have written him as enclosed. We will be sending him and you such further information as we can develop in this field.

In case you haven't heard already, we were able to secure a contribution of $2,500 towards the needs of the Burnsville displaced pupils. Also, Paul Rilling, Jean Fairfax, and Ruby Hurley made some headway last week in broader planning for such situations.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Enc. - 2
Letter to Tindall
NY Times story

November 30, 1959

Via Air Mail

Mr. W. E. Garnett
804 Draper Road
Blacksburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Garnett:

If an official state body is created to do the proposed race relations study, the chances of foundation support would seem to me slim. My impression is that foundations are reluctant to assist such efforts because of the danger of political involvements or political controversy, whether justified or not.

A privately sponsored study would be another matter. In that case, a foundation would probably want to make any grant to an existing organization which has established its tax-exempt status. Without seeing a specific detailed proposal, I can't very well estimate the chances of success, but I certainly think they are good enough to warrant the attempt.

One foundation which occurs to me as peculiarly suitable is the Old Dominion Foundation, a philanthropy of the Mellon family which, as the name suggests, has Virginia ties. The office address is 140 East 62nd Street, New York 21, New York. Another fund long interested in race relations is The Field Foundation at 250 Park Avenue, New York. There are, of course, various others.

Once the plan has taken definite shape, if you would care to share a copy of the written proposal with me, I might be able to advise more helpfully on likely sources of support. In any case, you have my good wishes for success.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/sm

November 30, 1959

Mr. Albert Vorspan, Director
Commission on Social Action
Union of American Hebrew Congregations
838 Fifth Avenue
New York 21, New York

Dear Al:

With some embarrassment, this is to ask whether I am expected to submit an expense account in connection with my part in the Miami convention. In looking over the correspondence, I find nothing on the subject.

Whatever the circumstances may be, I enjoyed my brief exposure to the convention. Congratulations to you and your colleagues on a highly successful meeting.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

via air mail November 30, 1959

Mr. George K. Hunton
Catholic Interracial Council
20 Vesey Street
New York 7, New York

Dear George:

I will look forward hopefully to the results of your conversation with Mrs. Eddy. Meanwhile, I will do what I can to support the proposal.

Enclosed are two copies of our brief report on voluntary school desegregation. We were pleased with the unsolicited AP story.

My thanks for your offer to share with us copies of the Catholic Bishops' 1959 Statement.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
encs. 2 "L" Report #12

via air mail November 30, 1959

Mr. Harry Fleischman
National Labor Service
Institute of Human Relations
165 East 56th Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Harry:

I owe you a hefty apology for failing to turn up at the last Mass Media Committee meeting. It was very frustrating being in New York and having to miss, at the last minute.

All I can say in extenuation is that I was doing the Lord's work. An appointment had been set up for me with a foundation interested in philanthropy - worthy race relations efforts in the South. Since they're already helping SRC, I wasn't even pleading my own cause, but others that need support.

I felt sure you would approve the course I took. In any case, I hoped you would understand that nothing could keep me from the meeting - except money.

Best,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

H CF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL November 30, 1959

Mrs. Jane Lee Eddy
Taconic Foundation, Inc.
666 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Eddy:

This is to acknowledge most gratefully your letter of November 20 advising us of the transfer of 200 shares of Gulf Oil Capital Stock to the Southern Regional Council, Inc. We have authorized the Bank of New York to sell the shares and remit the net proceeds to the Council.

The Council's official receipt, executed according to your instructions by our Secretary-Treasurer, is enclosed. We have also carefully noted the fact that the gift is to be treated as anonymous.

As you know, this contribution is of invaluable assistance to the work of the Southern Regional Council and the State Councils on Human Relations. Our President, Mr. James McBride Dabbs, will shortly be writing Mr. and Mrs. Currier a further expression of the Council's appreciation for their continued confidence and support.

I will see that you receive periodic reports on the Council's program activities and financial status. Meanwhile, with every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1. (Official receipt)

November 30, 1959

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

Here is a draft letter of invitation to the newly elected members, proposed for your signature. As I read it over, it strikes me as a bit cold and legalistic. So do revise or rewrite as much as you wish.

Since enclosures are involved, we'd like your authorization to sign for you and mail the version you approve to the nominees, as listed. If any of them decline, we will start in on the alternates named at the Annual Meeting.

Thanks and regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Draft ltr.)

DRAFT

Dear ________________________:

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to membership on the Southern Regional Council. At our recent annual meeting, it was unanimously voted that this invitation be extended.

The Council has a membership of eighty Southerners drawn from twelve states, both races, the major religious faiths and denominations, and a wide range of occupations. The full membership meets only once a year to transact the important business of the organization and to formulate its guiding policies. Between Annual Meetings, an executive committee elected by the members meets four or more times to give the staff policy direction. Reports on program and finances are sent periodically to all members.

Thus membership on the Council imposes no burdensome or time-consuming duties. But it does provide a meaningful and informed voice in the direction of the Council, which we feel is performing a vital service to the growth of democracy and good human relations in the South. I greatly hope you will share this view of the Council's value and will do us the honor of accepting a position of leadership in it.

I am enclosing several documents which describe briefly the Council's history, aims, and recent activities. If you would like more information on any point, please call on me for it.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

James McBride Dabbs
President

ENCLOSURES:

List of Members
Brief History of SRC
Report of the Executive Director

LIST OF NEW MEMBERS:

Bishop John E. Hines
Houston, Texas

Mrs. Vivian Carter Mason
Norfolk, Virginia

Mr. Fred Alexander
Charlotte, North Carolina

Mr. Stanton Smith
Tennessee

Mr. J. Ray Shute
Monroe, North Carolina

Mr. Francis Pickens Miller
Charlottesville, Virginia

Mr. Brooks Hays
Knoxville, Tennessee

via air mail November 30, 1959

Mr. Norman D. Bowers
Director of Teacher Education
Vanderbilt University
Nashville 5, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Bowers:

We are decidedly interested in the subject matter of your investigations and would be glad to know more about the data you have collected and their proposed publication.

Could you give us more information about the form of the projected publication, how soon publication might be expected, and probable costs? On the basis of these specifics, and any other you think relevant, we could decide whether or not the Council's help is feasible enough to warrant a review of the tapes and other materials.

Our funds for publication are fairly limited. If the costs were beyond our reach, however, we might be able to help secure foundation support.

In any case, I will look forward to hearing further from you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 30, 1959

via amr mail

Mr. Frank Loescher
United States - South Africa Leader
Exchange Program
345 East 46th Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Frank:

I have taken a good bit of time -- no doubt two much -- to mull over the draft of your letter to Mrs. Eddy. It improves rather than otherwise on re-reading, and I can think of nothing to add - unless you have a letter from an exchangee like Carter or McCandless supporting the argument.

One small suggestion: It might be wise to eliminate the second of the two references to me -- lest it appear we are conniving! I still hope I will have a chance to exert a favorable influence if the question reaches a tip-point and could do so more effectively if I were above suspicion of self-interest or special pleading. It would be helpful to mention John Wheeler's visit to South Africa under the program. C. has heard much of him and is impressed by the reports. This would bear out, too, the value of the program as a broadening influence on leaders in American race relations.

Enjoyed meeting the Heys and deVilliers. I think deVilliers, in particular, benefited from the Atlanta exposure to race relations.

We have arranged talks with a "moderate" segregationist for two or three of your people -- Gericke, for example. But it's difficult to do so often, since we only have one on the string. The only alternative is to direct them to the spokesmen for Georgia's official and political point of view -- which is pretty irrational and extreme. Let me have your views on the desirability of this.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

H CF/mf

P. S. -- I'll be briefly in NYC next Thursday and Friday, December 3 & 4. Suspect you'll be in Philadelphia, but I'll try to call your office anyway.

H.C.F.

November 30, 1959

Mr. James M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

The enclosed copy of Mrs. Eddy's letter will explain the letter to Mr. and Mrs. Currier prepared for your signature. As always, I know you will feel free to rewrite the latter to taste.

The Curriers have committed $25,000 per year for three years in general support of SRC and $25,000 per year for two years to be distributed by us among the state councils. We have thought it best to defer notice to the State Councils until the Executive Committee has met and approved a plan of allocation.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

November 30, 1959

Mr. & Mrs. Stephen R. Currier
Stephen R. Currier & Company
666 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Currier:

Mr. Fleming has informed me of your generous contribution in further support of the Southern Regional Council and the State Councils on Human Relations.

Both on behalf of the Council and personally, I want to express deep appreciation for this support. The fact that you have elected to assist the Council's general operating budget makes this an especially important and effective gift, and one for which we are more than ordinarily grateful. As a long-time president of the South Carolina Council on Human Relations, I also know at first-hand how much this assistance means to the state groups.

We are mindful of your wish that this contribution be regarded as confidential and will see that your anonymity is preserved.

I hope you will feel free to call on me, Mr. Fleming, or any of our other officers and staff members for such advice or assistance as may be helpful. Your interest in the progress of race relations is exceedingly important to all of us.

Sincerely yours,

James M. Dabbs
President

JMD/mf

VIA AIR MAIL November 30, 1959

Mr. Wilton S. Dillon
612 West 112th Street
Apartment 12
New York 25, New York

Dear Wilton:

Thanks for the word, at long last. I've called your office a time or two, only to be told that "Mr. Dillon is on vacation." Some life you lead -- to say nothing of the upcoming sabbatical.

Your friend M. Nemo called the other day. Unfortunately I will not be here next Thursday and Friday, when he is to be in Atlanta. However, I made a few random suggestions and offered him the courtesies of the shop.

The silver lining, such as it is, is that I will be in New York on these days.

I hope your galloping schedule and mine will permit us to get together, preferably including Virginia. Anyway, until we meet again, my best to you both.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 30, 1959

Mr. Will D. Campbell
Box 1083
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Campbell:

The answer to your question--do we have "altogether, in one place" information on the number, names, location, etc. of local churches which have attempted to desegregate their membership in recent years--is negative. I have gone through our files for 1958 and 1959 and am sending such information as we have.

"Ten per cent of the 280,000 Protestant churches in the U. S. are integrated," according to an article in the May 1958 issue of Ebony magazine. (We do not have this, but I am trying to get a copy.)

In the May, 1959 issue of Esquire, "Segregation in the Churches," by Wesley Shrader, D.D., Dr. Herman Long was quoted as saying that there are at least 160 unsegregated churches in the South. (Page 121, second column, paragraph 5) From the following paragraph: "An unusual crack in the church segregation dike occurred in Louisville, Kentucky. Negroes and whites ride the same buses, unrestricted, and attend the same schools. They enjoy the same parks, swim in the same pools and sit together in the same movies. Integration in the church, however, has not come to Louisville on any comparable scale. Recognizing the inconsistency of this, the pastor of an all-white, downtown Baptist church recommended to his congregation that they admit Negroes to full membership. The congregation refused. Whereupon, the pastor and ten of his members united with the Zion Baptist Church which had formerly been all-Negro. Thus church integration has come to Louisville."

This same thing happened in a small town in Texas, but I have been unable to locate the clipping. However, instead of the minister and a few members joining a Negro church, they begun an interracial Baptist church. (Houston Post, within the last two months.)

McCarthy Memorial Christian Church of Los Angeles was written up by Kring Allen, "Integration by the Cross," The Christian Century

August 1958. (thermafax copy attached) This is too long and detailed for your purposes, but you can select from it better than I could for you.

The University Baptist Church of Austin, Texas was written up by Joseph Martin Dawson, "I Belong to a Southern Baptist Integrated Church," in The Christian Century, November 12, 1958. (thermafax copy enclosed)

In Fellowship for Whom, a report on the survey of the Congregational Christian Churches (p. 20) under trends of special interest: "2) Even though nine predominantly white churches of the South are reported as being inclusive of Negroes, all of these churches are in the Middle Atlantic Conference and located in Washington, D. C. and New Jersey."

At the November 5-6, 1959 meeting of the Fellowship of the Concerned, held in Atlanta at Clark College, one of the participants from Florida announced that there is now in Miami a Congregational Church, "The Church of the Open Door," which began with about 40 charter members as an interracial church.

Enclosed also are a number of news clips about desegregated churches. It is stretching a point to call a few of them "Southern" but you did not specifically state that you wanted only those in the South, so I'm sending all that we have on integrated churches.

If you are able to compile a list, or even a partial list, we would be most happy to receive a copy for our files.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

Enclosures: thermafax copies
of newsclips

P.S. You may be interested in this paragraph from "Southern Protestants and Desegregation" by Francis Pickens Miller, in the November 2 issue of The New Republic: "Cultural change through the influence of persons on persons is particularly baffling to the sociologist. This process does not lend itself to precise measurement, It cannot be accurately described or analyzed, so it escapes the eye of the historian. But it's the most decisive force in making history. Even Pettigrew and Campbell miss the deeper forces at work in Little Rock. Their study is necessarily confined to observable data. Hence their study, interesting as it is, leaves the reader unprepared for the turn of the tide that seems to have occurred since the book was published."

P.S. (2) Copy of letter received by Harold Fleming from John Wicklein of the N. Y. Times; written to Mr. Wicklein by T. Franklin Williams of Chapel Hill, N.C.:

"In your first article on the churches in the South and integration....you stated that according to the Southern Regional Council only about twenty churches in all of the eleven states of the Confederacy have members of more than one race and that about 3/4 of these are Unitarian. These figures are indeed surprising to me, for.....There are at least four such integrated churches (Protestant, non-Unitarian) in Chapel Hill: The Chapel of the Cross (Episcopal) and the Community Church (non-denominational) have had one or more Negro members in their predominately white congregations for at least six years; the Church of the Holy Family (Episcopal) and the Olin T. Binkley Memorial Baptist Church each has at least one Negro member now.

"Finally, I hope that in your series you will be reporting on what some of the churches are like in which a really substantial part of the membership is from different races. There are not many such churches--I doubt any in the South--but there are a few. One such is St. John's Church (Episcopal), Roxbury Crossing, Boston, the most exciting church I have ever been in. From what reading I have done I gather that a similar spirit pervades other such churches. I think people would like to read more about this quality."

Mr. Williams is an M.D., and he sent a cc of his letter to Harold Fleming. I doubt that you should quote from it without his permission, but it does give the names of four integrated churches in the South, and one in Boston.

I have heard, from a reliable source, that the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Atlanta has at least one Negro family as members. The Rev. Robt. E. Lee is the pastor, and his address is 731 Peachtree St., N.E.

Re Unitarian Churches:

According to the Rev. Clifton G. Hoffman, Regional Director of the Thomas Jefferson Unitarian Coulcil, with offices in Atlanta, "No Unitarian church or fellowship can belong to the Council that would exclude anyone on account of beliefs or of race."

He said that although their churches are integrated in principle, not all are integrated in fact. This is both north and south, and is, in some cases, due to there being no Negroes in the church vicinity (as in Massachusetts) or to the reluctance of the Negro to join a white church, especially in smaller cities or towns (in the deep south) and he hinted this is because of fear of economic reprisal. I am listing them as he gave them to me over the telephone, but he does not wish them listed in any written article, he said. At least you can use the statistics, and I am sure that the Rev. Edw. A. Cahill, of the Atlanta church, would not mind being listed, or giving you any information you would like concerning his church. Mr. Cahill is out-going chairman of the Greater Atlanta Council on Human Relations, remaining as a board member. His address is 605 Boulevard N. E., Atlanta.

Churches with Negro members

Detroit, Illinois
Wichita, Kansas (He is not familiar with all the northern churches)

Dallas, Houston, Ft. Worth, El Paso, Brownsville, Shrevesport, TEXAS
Monroe, Charlotte, NORTH CAROLINA
Oak Ridge, Knoxville, TENNESSEE
New Orleans, LOUISIANA
Tampa, Miami, FLORIDA
Charlotte, Richmond, Norfolk, Hampton Roads, VIRGINIA
Atlanta, GEORGIA

Churches with Negroes who attend regularly

Winston Salem, Greensboro, Raleigh, NORTH CAROLINA
Greenville, Charleston, SOUTH CAROLINA
Macon, GEORGIA
Birmingham, ALABAMA
Jackson, MISSISSIPPI
Roanoke, Lynchburg, VIRGINIA
Memphis, Nashville, Chattanooga, TENNESSEE
Jacksonville, Daytona Beach, Orlando, FLORIDA (also several fellowship groups
Huntsville, ALABAMA in Miami)
Little Rock, ARKANSAS

exists
He said actually a higher degree of integration/within the South than outside the South.

November 30, 1959

Mr. Benjamin Muse
Box 312
Manassas, Virginia

Dear Ben:

Sorry, but the December issue is already set up. I like the excerpt very much and wish I could use it.

Yes, thanks, I did have a pleasant Thanksgiving holiday and trust you did the same.

With very best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

November 30, 1959

Mr. Harry S. Jones, Director
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 East Third Street, Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

Dr. George B. Tindall, Department of History, University of North Carolina, has written Harold saying that he has paid for a NEW SOUTH subscription through the North Carolina Council. Mrs. Cook cannot find a record of payment for Dr. Tindall from the North Carolina Council. Would you please check your records and let us know if Dr. Tindall's subscription was mailed to us and if so, when?

We are mailing Dr. Tindall back issues of NEW SOUTH until we hear from you.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec

November 30, 1959

Mr. George B. Tindall
305 Burlage Drive
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Tindall:

Thank you for your suggestion that the Southern Regional Council undertake a survey of Southern meeting places for racially inclusive groups.

We are fully persuaded of the importance of such information and will do our best to collect and make it available to interested organizations and individuals. We were able to give some encouragement and help to Claude Sitton of the New York Times in the preparation of the enclosed article. This is at least a start toward helpful airing of such information.

Subscription to New South is optional with membership in the North Carolina Council (i.e., for payment of $2.00 in addition to membership fee). Our records do not show any report of your subscription from the North Carolina Council, but we are writing them today to double check. John Constable of our staff will be writing you further.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

H CF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

N.Y. Times Art. Nov. 29, 1959
"Racial Curbs Eased by Southern Hotels"
Sitton

December 1, 1959

Mr. George W. Oakes
734 15th Street N. W.
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Mr. Oakes:

Let me try to answer your questions in order.

Prompted by your question, I reread Dr. Johnson's address of November, 1955. My own belief would be that it remains an accurate appraisal of the situation. There are in it, of course, a few facts and figures which are obviously dated.

It would be my opinion that college integration has not been set back since 1954. In terms of numbers of schools it has, as a matter of fact, increased. What has happened since 1954, and it is very serious, is a widespread and not yet abated invasion, sometimes open and sometimes indirect, of academic freedom on some southern campuses. But this is another story. If you have been able to find Johnson's article, which I referred to in my last letter, in the April 1958 issue of The Review of Politics, you can note a comment by him on page 161 on the effects of the 1954 decision. I am enclosing also another article by him from New South, February 1955, which somehow did not get included in my last letter.

As to Negro colleges which have taken white students, I suppose the most conspicuous case to date is the West Virginia State College, which has a large number of white students. Other than this we know of a few Negro schools which have had an occasional white student, or which now have. Because these schools want no publicity and sometimes are, as a matter of fact, in a precarious position regarding their state tax exemption, I think we should not offer to give the names of the few we know about; besides, there probably are others.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Enclosure: New South, Feb. 1955

December 1, 1959
(dictated Nov. 25th)

Mr. Benjamin Muse
Box 312
Manassas, Virginia

Dear Ben:

This is in reply to the several points raised in your letter of November 20.

The letters from Jas. C. Evans baffle me. I can't imagine doing an "analytical report" on the reprint of "Integration in the Army." He must be referring to the proposal mentioned in his November 9 letter to John Hope. At any rate, it is confusing. Would it be in order for you to write to Evans suggesting that he write directly to Harold or me outlining what he has in mind that the Southern Regional Council might do?

We wrote to the National Association of School Boards, which informed us that we could not have a list of Southern school board members. We were instead given the names of the presidents and executive secretaries of the state school board associations. As per the enclosed, we have written to them for local names. As yet we have had only one reply.

Mrs. Albright and I have been working on the distribution of Action Patterns to superintendents. Phi Delta Kappa sent us their list; we are collating it with our list; it turns out to be a horrible mess, and consequently Mrs. Albright is not getting much help from me. But we are working on it.

The plans for doing something on Negro achievement have been temporarily suspended while Harold considers the advisability of a foundation proposal to the end of doing something rather ambitious.

Harold tells me that he will be in touch with you soon regarding your essay on the collaps of massive resistance.

I believe you got a copy of my letter of November 13 to Dr. Stallings at the University of Louisville. This will be a beginning, at least, toward a study of the track system.

Best wishes for a pleasant holiday; you have earned it.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Enclosures: thermafax,
letter to state executive secretaries

December 1, 1959

Professor Joshua A. Fishman
Associate Professor of Human Relations
and Psychology
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania

Dear Professor Fishman:

I want to thank you for your letter of November 6, and for your preliminary report on Montgomery, which arrived some days later. We shall certainly respect your request that the report and its contents be kept confidential.

I have read it with a great deal of interest, and with admiration for your many perceptive insights and remarks. From a number of talks with ADL and AJC staff people, as well as with Jewish friends, I believe that you have correctly described the frequently precarious and always difficult position of the Southern Jew. I get the impression that Jews in small towns of the South face/somewhat different, and in a way more delicate, problem; it might be interesting for someone to do an inquiry similar to yours in the small towns.

You may or may not know that the Fellowship of the Concerned is sponsored by the Southern Regional Council, and that the Alabama Council on Human Relations is one of the state groups which we orgnaized several years back and with which we continue to maintain close association, although there is no longer any formal affiliation.

Please let us know if we can assist you in your research. I don't know that we are in a position to be of any financial aid to you. We are, however, in touch with foundations interested in this general field and do occasionally hear about the availability of research funds. If you would like to let us know more of your specific plans for this study and publication, there is at least the chance that we might be able to put them before some foundation.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

December 1, 1959

Mr. James M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, S. C.

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

From Mississippi, of all places, there has come recently both good and bad news of academic freedom. I don't know whether you get Southern School News. In case you do not, I am enclosing a page from the November issue.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Enclosure: Page 8,
Southern School News

BC: Will D. Campbell

December 2, 1959

Mrs. Joe R. Brewer
Women's Emergency Committee
P. O. Box 3244
Forest Heights Station
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Brewer:

Many thanks for your good letter commending Will Campbell's work. I am glad that you share our high opinion of him, and your letter is very helpful to us.

With good wishes for the fine work that you and your associates are doing.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL December 2, 1959

Mr. Ernest R. Dickson
The Bank of New York
530 Fifth Avenue
New York 36, New York

Dear Mr. Dickson:

This is to confirm my verbal authorization, given by telephone today, to sell and remit to the Southern Regional Council the net proceeds of 200 shares of Gulf Oil stock, representing part of the gift of Mrs. Stephen R. Currier.

We will, as before, send to Mrs. Currier the Southern Regional Council's official receipt for the gross amount realized from sale of this stock.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

December 2, 1959

Mr. F. I. Sheeder, Executive Secretary
Board of Christian Education & Publication
United Church of Christ
1505 Race Street
Philadelphia 2, Pa.

Dear Mr. Sheeder:

We would like to receive ten copies of your publication Love Of This Land, at the special price of 18¢ per copy. If you still have them on hand, will you mail them to us and bill us?

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

December 2, 1959

Circulation Manager
Arkansas Bazette
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Sir:

Please continue sending us your newspaper, and bill us for one year. We have been receiving it as a gift, and have received notice of expiration. We do not want to miss any issues.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

P.S. The newspaper has been mailed to:

John Constable
Director of Information
63 Auburn Avenue N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

December 2, 1959

Mr. McNeill Smith
Suite 700
Jefferson Standard Building
Greensboro, N. C.

Dear Mr. Smith:

We have your letter of November 30. We had an inquiry from the Commission somewhat similar to the one sent to you, although not asking the questions in the same specific form. I think, however, what we replied to them last week will be as much as we could say in helping you respond to Mr. Shine's letter of November 13. We are therefore enclosing our reply to the Commission together with all of the enclosures which accompanied it.

I should like to take this opportunity of expressing our thanks to you for sending us copies of the voting report of your committee. Donald Matthews, who is an old friend, has told me how much of the actual work you did. I think you are to be congratulated not only for sponsoring the report but for your labor on it.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Enclosures:
copy of letter to Mr. Kuykendall
"Waiting Room Practices in 21 Southern Cities"
newsclips: Washington Post, July 26, 1959
Norfolk Virginian-Pilot, July 26, 1959
New South, February 1959
New South, January 1957

December 2, 1959

Mr. Samuel Spiegler, Editor
Journal of Intergroup Relations
Room 1530
55 West 42nd Street
New York 36, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Spiegler:

Enclosed is my review of the Greenberg book. It is being printed in this same form for New South, except that, because of space limitations, we had to cut out the second paragraph on page one.

You asked for some identifying information. I am a Ph.D. (Cornell, Political Science) and taught at Emory and Mount Holyoke and have worked at the Atomic Energy Commission, and I am now,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Enclosure: book review

December 2, 1959

Mr. Marion S. English
Executive Director
Urban League of Westchester County, Inc.
6 Depot Plaza
White Plains, N. Y.

Dear Mr. English:

Harold Fleming asked me to reply to your letter. It is true that the Southern Regional Council once published a pamphlet on racial usage in Southern newspapers. The pamphlet was titled, Race in the News, and was, as a matter of fact, one of our more successful publications. Even though printed in 1949, it is still largely pertinent. Unfortunately, we have long since exhausted our supply, and I am unable to suggest any place where you might find a copy. We are enclosing, however, a copy of Changing Patterns in the New South, and on pages 52-56 you will find a condensation of the pamphlet and of a couple of follow-up articles. We are also enclosing a thermafax of a mimeographed release that the Council for Civic Unity of San Francisco compiled which gives examples of newspaper policy in handling racial news.

We have in preparation now a new study of the reporting of racial news by the Southern press, but it will not deal with the specifics of form and labeling. Because of your interest, I shall, however, see that you get a copy when it is published - probably after the first of the year.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Enclosures:
Changing Patterns
Examples of Statements (thermafax)

December 2, 1959

Miss Jeweldean Jones
7-13 Washington Square North
New York 3, New York

Dear Dean:

It's good to hear from you after so long a time and to learn that you're still working in the same vineyard, only more so.

Thanks for the check. I'll see that your New South subscription is switched to a paying basis.

I hope to see you, there or here, one of these days. Meanwhile, the very best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

December 3, 1959

Mr. Walter Spearman
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Walter:

I was glad to get your letter this morning. It happens that just yesterday evening I finished going over your manuscript, and though I can't guarantee that some other small changes will not occur to us later, what will be said in this letter and the one or two notes on the manuscript itself, which is enclosed, are all that we have at the moment.

I have only two important suggestions. The first is a question of form. I don't think the present structure gets the best effect out of your survey, nor does it permit the reader intelligently to agree or disagree with your conclusions, which precede the evidence. My suggestion would be that the Introduction be split, and the case studies put between the two parts. Specifically, it seems to me that the Introduction might end with the third paragraph on page 8; the accounts of the particular stories run next, probably single spaced; then a final section headed "Conclusions" containing the material beginning with the fourth paragraph on page 8 to the end. You might, of course, want to add a paragraph to smooth off the ending of the Introduction, and a transition paragraph at the beginning of the Conclusions.

The second point raises a question with you: in the second paragraph of your Davis and Hansen account, and in the first paragraph of the Poplarville story, you imply, it seems to me, a promise which does not get carried out--not, at any rate, explicitly. I wonder if, instead of leaving to the reader the job of drawing the contrasts and comparisons, you should not do it. I think the survey would be tighter and given more spark if, at the end of the Davis-Hansen and at the end of the Poplarville-Tallahassee stories, you were to write a paragraph summarising the comparative performances. of the press.

Now for some matters of detail.

Introduction

Page 1, paragraph 4 - we don't ordinarily regard Tennessee as a border state.

Page 2, paragraph 2 - I honestly have never been able myself to get quite clear the Alabama library set-up. But I think the situation is this: Alabama has a state public library service which supplies books to other libraries as well as to readers directly. The ruckus arose with this state library service. Without getting into the technicalities, you might guard your language here and in the rabbit story so that it is both sufficiently precise and vague not to be caught up.

Page 3, first paragraph - where are the end quotes after "slanting etc.?

Page 5 - I think a reader would expect you to come down on one side or the other of this difference in reporting--that is, which was the accurate report? As a matter of fact, and this gives added irony, neither is. The charge was that the boys forced the girl to kiss them. You might have a footnote at this point. If so, perhaps you would want to quote, as a reliable source, the language of Southern School News, "the two young Negro boys---allegedly forced a smaller white girl to kiss one of them." March 1959. There is a fuller account in SSN, February 1959.

Page 8, paragraph 1 - we subscribe to the Houston Post. This paper so often uses Negro pictures without racial labeling, and pictures of Negro and whites together, that I have concluded this must be an editoral policy of what is generally a most wishy-washy paper. Would you like for me to work a sentence on this into your paragraph?

Page 10 - I would like to reverse the order of the 8th and 9th conclusions. It seems to me that this would give better flow to the thought.

Davis and Hansen Reports

Page 1, next to last line - can we substitute "comma therefore comma" for "fairly" ?

Davis and Hansen, Civil Rights Act, and Little Rock

Does the News and Courier deserve some word of explicit criticism for (a) misleading its readers by magnifying the importance of the Davis report?; (b) misleading its readers by not reporting the reaction of other Southern senators to Thurmond's filabuster?; (c) for its headlining on the Civil Rights Act?

Also, the New York Times has been so widely criticised and so widely defended for its reporting of the Little Rock rioting, especially the work of Benjamin Fine, that I think it would be proper of you to take note of the criticism and express some judgment of your own.

Norfolk Schools

I don't think it is clear whether the Courier-Journal and News and Observer used the AP story. Apparently the Constitution did, but cut out the emotional words. Did the Courier-Journal and the News and Observer do the same? If I am correct in my inference about the Constitution (and possibly the other two as well) this seems to me such an interesting action that I believe it could well be emphasized a bit.

Poplarville

Would you feel like giving the Journal and Guide a specific commendation for its quickness in providing background interpretation; that is, the relationship between the lynching and Mississippi's jury difficulties? (Subsequently, this relationship has been widely pointed out and the Journal and Guide is maybe entitled to some points for reporting it immediately.)

Finally, at only one point in the manuscript did I change the word "integration" to "desegregation." It is a kind of organazational line here to use the latter word, unless integration is clearly the only word that will do. If you have no objections, before this goes to press we shall change the word in a few more places.

I am glad you like the idea of Sylvan Meyer's participation. I haven't heard anything from him lately, so I assume he is busy creating. Best regards, and we shall look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible. The manuscript, of course, does not need to be re-typed.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Enclosure: manuscript

December 3, 1959

Via Air Mail

Mr. Nat Griswold
Mr. John Walker
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat and John:

Mr. Wright is available to be with you for your Annual Meeting and to speak Friday night, January 15. Since the other plans are still somewhat indefinite, I did not indicate to Marion that he would probably be one of two speakers. I indicated that you would write him directly and give him what information he would need to be prepared. I did say I thought you would use him with other groups such as lawyers during the day.

Marion did indicate that as of this moment he could probably come on the 8th if that turned out to be better, but that he would prefer the 15th. I'm not yet sure whether I can be with you for this period. I have a conflicting engagement in Talladega which perhaps can be changed.

Sincerely,

Paul Rilling
Field Director

PMR/s m

P.S. I checked with Les Dunbar about the symposium report. We are supposed to get copies of it when it comes out, and will forward one to you.

December 3, 1959

Air Mail

Miss Jean Fairfax
American Friends Service Committee
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Jean:

I arrived back at my desk this morning from a one-week trip to find my desk inundated with an avalanche of paper from your office. Fortunately I attended the Annual Meeting of the Virginia Council on Human Relations last Monday, and so have already talked to many of those that I was supposed to follow up. I am moving quickly on the others.

To react to your various letters: I will be happy to come for a pre-session meeting Friday, if you think it necessary. I do question the need for this. It would seem to me best for the entire group to consider both the general problem and the Prince Edward County specifics. If there needs to be a steering meeting, could it not be early Saturday morning in advance of the general meeting. Anyway, I have a date in Washington Friday evening.

I was most intrigued with your suggestion that I send on E. B. Henderson's letter since you did not have the address. Particularly inasmuch as the letter had his address on it. Particularly since when I saw him Monday he already had received his letter. O well!

I have written Lee Coleman indicating that he can come at our expense.

Concerning your suggestion for adding names to the list. This pressure is inevitable. Personally, I do like to keep the group small enough to have some

Imaginative Thinking. I do not think we need Jack Greenberg, we have enough Yankees on the list already (no offense meant). I do not think that any of the other suggestions are essential to the group.*

I thought we were going to ask Will Campbell . His name is not on the list. Why!

Sincerely,

Paul Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

* Ruby agrees with me that the list ought not to be expanded.

December 3, 1959

Mr. Harold J. Gerberg
Burrelle's Press Clipping Bureau
165 Church Street
New York 7, New York

Dear Mr. Gerberg:

Please credit the enclosed clipping to account no. 9649, as it does not refer to Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

(Miss) L. E. Cummings
Secretary to the Director of
Information

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Enclosure

December 3, 1959

American Friends Service Committee
1818 S. Main Street
High Point, North Carolina

Dear Sirs:

We would like to receive two copies of your detailed report on non-discriminatory employment trends in Durham, N. C. We would also like to have two copies of the questionnaire form you used in making the survey.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

December 3, 1959

Mr. Alex A. Chambers
Stillman College
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Dear Mr. Chambers:

We are mailing you today the requested copy of The Negro and the Ballot in the South; there is no charge to you. Additional copies may be ordered at .35 each.

I am also enclosing an earlier study of voting practices, The Negro Voter in the South, which you may wish to use as a comparison.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

December 3, 1959

Mr. William B. Pollard
Office of the Principal
St. Louis Public Schools
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Pollard:

I am very sorry to tell you that our booklet, Your Community Looks at Itself, has been out of print for a number of years. We have only one file copy, which may be seen here in our offices.

We regret that we cannot be of more help to you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

December 3, 1959

Miss Bernice A. Stevens
Skyhigh
P. O. Box 564
Gatlinburg, Tennessee

Dear Miss Stevens:

Dr. Mitchell is now living in Scotland, and your letter was forwarded to him, then he returned it to us for reply.

The Southern Regional Council has not made any surveys concerning crafts, and so we have nothing to offer that would benefit you in your study.

I know of only two places where crafts are taught and products sold: the Community House at Pleasant Hill, Tennessee; and I believe at the Rabun Gap School in Georgia. Probably you already know of these.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

December 4, 1959

Dear Dr. Cuninggim:

I want to express the Council's sincere thanks to you for your contribution of $67.03 received today while Mr. Fleming is away from the office. Your letter to him will be brought to his attention when he returns next week.

We are happy that you could come to the Annual Meeting and look forward to seeing you again next year.

An official receipt is enclosed for your records, and a check for your expenses.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth House Alexander
Secretary-Treasurer

Enclosures (2)

Dr. Merrimon Cuninggim
3628 Westwood Drive
Dallas 25, Texas

December 4, 1959

Dr. Lee Coleman
Department of Sociology
University of Kentucky
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Coleman:

You have received a recent invitation to attend a consultation on the problems of students displaced by the current crisis. The consultation will be in Washington, December 19.

We are anxious to have your advice and counsel on these matters and if you can be present, we could take care of your expenses under our Consultant Service Program.

I look forward to seeing you again on this occasion.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

December 4, 1959

Miss Jean Fairfax
American Friends Service Committee
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Jean:

In writing you yesterday I overlooked your memo of December 1, concerning writing someone from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. I would have no objection to this procedure. Harold is out of town today and I have no reason to believe that we have any particular contacts with this department. I will check with Harold Monday.

Dean Thomas Henderson and Dr. Daniel of the Department of Education at Virginia Union University are undertaking the Prince Edward County survey for us under the Consultant Service Program. Unfortunately, their schedules will not permit finishing this chore by the December 19 meeting. They will be in Prince Edward a previous weekend and December 17 and 18 and will be ready to make a preliminary verbal report December 19.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

December 4, 1959

Dr. C. H. Parrish
Department of Sociology
University of Louisville
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear C. H.:

You have received an invitation from Jean Fairfax to attend a consultation to explore ways to meet the problems of students displaced by the school crisis.

We are anxious to have you present for this meeting. We hope you can handle this chore under the Consultant Service Program in the usual manner.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

December 4, 1959

Mr. Rufus C. Kuykendall
Assistant Staff Director
Office of Laws, Plans and Research
Commission on Civil Rights
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kuykendall:

The missing page of the January 1957 New South is enclosed. In this business, too, the gremlins are with us, I guess.

The citation of the case which we referred to in our waiting room study, as having awarded monetary damages, is Fitzgerald v. Pan American World Airways, Inc., 229 F. 2d 499, 1 Race Rel. L. Rep. 356.

The Atlanta Airport restaurant case is scheduled for hearing in District Court here in Atlanta on December 8. You will find a note on it, incidentally, in Southern School News for November, page 11. I don't know whether you subscribe to the Atlanta newspapers, but on the chance that you do not I shall send you next week whatever converage they give to the hearing.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

December 7, 1959

Mr. Henry M. Shine, Jr.
Civil Rights Commission
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Shine:

It would be greatly appreciated if you could send at once a copy of the transcript of your Nashville hearings on education to:

Frank Stallings
Associate Professor of Education
University of Louisville
Louisville 8, Kentucky

Dr. Stallings if engaged in an assignment with us.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Same ltr. sent to:

Bishop John E. Hines
Mrs. Vivian Carter Mason
Mr. Fred Alexander
Mr. J. Ray Shute
Mr. Francis Pickens Miller
Mr. Brooks Hays
Mr. Stanton Smith

December 7, 1959

The Rt. Rev. John E. Hines
Christ Church Cathedral
Houston, Texas

My dear Bishop Hines:

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to membership on the Southern Regional Council. At our recent Annual Meeting, it was unanimously voted that this invitation be extended.

The Council has a membership of eighty Southerners drawn from twelve states, both races, the major religious faiths and denominations, and a wide range of occupations. The full membership meets only once a year to transact the important business of the organization and to formulate its guiding policies. Between Annual Meetings, an executive committee elected by the members meets four or more times to give the staff policy direction. Reports on program and finances are sent periodically to all members.

Thus membership on the Council imposes no burdensome or time-consuming duties. But it does provide a meaningful and informed voice in the direction of the Council, which we feel is performing a vital service to the growth of democracy and good human relations in the South. I greatly hope you will share this view of the Council's value and will do us the honor of accepting a position of leadership in it.

I am enclosing several documents which describe briefly the Council's history, aims, and recent activities. If you would like more information on any point, please call on me for it.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

James McBride Dabbs
President

JMD/mf
Enclosures

List of Board Members
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Report of the Executive Director, 1959

December 7, 1959

Mrs. A. T. Tidwell
1404 Pinedale Drive
Opelika, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Tidwell:

Thank you very much for your generous contribution and your kind comments about NEW SOUTH. The Council is fortunate in having friends such as you and Mr. Tidwell.

Again thanks and very best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec

December 7, 1959

Mr. John V. P. Lassoe Jr.
National Association of Intergroup
Relations Officials
152 West 42nd Street
New York 36, New York

Dear John:

I have just seen the May issue of *The Journal Of Inter-Group Relations*. It was passed on to me by Harold, and both he and I agree that Will D. Campbell's article "The Role of Religious Organizations In The Desegregation Controversy" is a worth while piece. We wonder if we might have reprint privileges for New South.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec

December 7, 1959

Professor Frank H. Stallings
Department of Education
University of Louisville
Louisville 8, Kentucky

Dear Professor Stallings:

It was good to hear from you and especially pleasing to receive your outline. It seems to me exactly what we had in mind and want.

A copy of Dr. Hansen's report for the Notre Dame Conference is enclosed. We have recently learned that the papers from this conference will be published and I shall see that when they are you get a copy. Dr. Hansen's statement at the Nashville hearings of the Commission on Civil Rights is also enclosed. Our mimeographed copy of this is blurred, and I hope you will be able to read the reproduction of it. I have, however, written to the Commission on Civil Rights requesting that a copy of the transcript of the hearings be sent to you. (Although, as a matter of fact, you may have it in your library.)

I think you are right that it would be impractical in this report to include findings about the teachers in Atlanta, and about non-metropolitan districts. In this latter connection, I take note with pleasure of your indication of a future interest in digging into ~~these~~ this subjects.

I had already read your article in the *Journal of Negro Education*, and I am hoping to get hold of a few reprints. It probably is not suitable for general distribution, but we would like to have a few on hand. It seemed to me an awfully good job.

Your outline, as I said above, is everything that we could want. In the manner of editors, here are a few probably superfluous comments:

Section I and Section II, A and B - these introductory passages will undoubtedly be needed. I think they should be kept brief, stated simply and factually.

Section II, C - if you were writing a professional paper, you would describe methods sufficiently for other scholars to appraise their adequacy; for our purposes, the methods and terms need be described only sufficiently to make them clear. In connection with C4, would you think it worthwhile to make the point which the survey does in minimizing the significance of "averages" (Part I, page 8) ?

Section II, D - this is, of course, the meat of the Atlanta part of the paper, and I would suggest it get most of the space. In connection with D3, two things occur to me, although I am fairly sure they are implied in your heading. One is the overlap of schools as well as individuals. The other is the omnipresence of a few Negroes in the top grades. In connection with D4, whatever meaning you think this has or ought to have for desegregation plans can appropriately be stated.

Section II, E - "typical situation in a segregated metropolitan system"? or is the qualifier not needed? In fact, I think it would be helpful if you raised this question of the pertinency of the findings to non-metropolitan situations; even if you haven't the answer, asking the question may help to emphasize for some of the readers that the problem is not confined to the cities.

Section III - I can't seem to think of any comment to offer; it looks excellent. I am particularly happy to see you taking note of A2. Sections II and III seem to me of equal importance, though whether they will have to have equal space I can't visualize clearly.

Section IV - suggest this be done in numbered paragraphs, as you did in stating the conslusions of your Louisville article.

Best wishes; we look forward to receiving the report at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Enclosures:
Hansen's Report, Notre Dame

" " Nashville

December 7, 1959

Mr. J. Stanley Elam
Phi Delta Kappa
International Headquarters Bldg.,
8th and Union
Bloomington, Indiana

Dear Mr. Elam:

I would like to give you a report on what we have done since your last letter to us.

First, we have checked your cards against our mailing list of Southern school superintendents. I should tell you we have made our list from Part 2, Education Directory, U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, 1958-59, selecting every superintendent of cities over 6,000; where there is only a county district, we used the county superintendent. This gave us a total of 489. After checking your cards, we found that only 59 of these had received Action Patterns. On the other hand, the book did go to many county superintendents, to a number of principals, and to some unidentified officers. We are prepared to mail Action Patterns to the 430 names on our list who did not get copies directly from you, if you are willing to provide this many books. Or, would you rather send a smaller number of books for us to distribute to superintendents of only the larger cities, say cities of 15,000 and up? I am recommending this limitation because we would be just as glad to see as many copies go out as possible, but I am not sure how your supply stands. (We have ordered the 1959-60 Directory which should be here in time for us to revise our list of names before mailing out any copies.)

We followed your suggestion and wrote to the National School Boards Association. In return we got only the names of presidents and executive secretaries of state associations of school boards. We have written (November 19) to each of the executive secretaries, and have been delaying our reply to you while waiting for answers. As yet, however, we have had but one reply, and that from Texas, as per the enclosure. I would suggest that you supply us with 100 copies for us to distribute to these persons names in the Texas letter and to names we may yet receive from the other states. We would also like to have another 40 copies for distribution from this office as circumstances permit. In other words, we suggest that you send us

430 copies for school superintendents (or a lesser number if you see fit), plus
100 copies for school board members, plus
50 copies for our own field distribution to interested individuals.

As to the Texas request for an additional 300 copies, how shall we respond? I would doubt that this quantity could be justified for one state, but if you think all or any part of it could be sent, I would suggest that you ship it from your office.

We are returning the cards. I trust you shall find them still in good order.

Looking forward to hearing from you again,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Enclosures: thermofax, letter to secretaries
" Texas letter and enclosures

Mailed separately: cards

Blind CC: Ben Muse

December 7, 1959

Mr. Will D. Campbell
P. O. Box 1083
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Will:

Harold has just passed ~~on~~ to me the May issue of The Journal of Intergroup Relations. We both like your article in that issue and wonder if we might have reprint permission for New South. I have written John Lasso, asking for permission of NAIRO.

Thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec

December 8, 1959

Air Mail

Mr. Nat Griswold
Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

John Wheeler is currently in South Africa as I had feared. If you can't think of a good alternate for this type of job, check with us and we will see what we can do.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

December 8, 1959

Air Mail

Miss Jean Fairfax
American Friends Service Committee
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Jean:

Ruby is checking on her people for the meeting on the 19th.

I think it would be helpful if you or y your Southwestern Office could send me some sort of memorandum concerning the employment matter mentioned in our phone conversation yesterday. We need to be able to report on the general race relations climate in some communities such as Houston, Dallas, Ft. Worth, and other cities in the east and central parts of Texas. We are particularly interested in the general picture of Negro employment in non-traditional jobs.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

December 8, 1959

Mr. Robert T. Daland
Associate Director of Regional Extension
Urban Studies Program
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Mr. Daland:

Thank you for your letter of November 24. Within the limits of my ability to contribute I shall be glad to assist in your exchange of information.

The Council has at least one thing in common with the Institute for Research in Social Science, and that is that Howard Odum was a principal figure in the establishment and the first head of each. The Council has not in the intervening years been able to realize Dr. Odum's hope, that it would be a generally supported center of regional effort for the solution of the South's economic and social problems. Events have forced us to concentrate directly on problems of racial relations. The research that we do is, therefore, always aimed toward some particular and pressing issue in that area. I suppose it would be legitimate for one to use words such as "popularize" or "propagandize" to describe our activities. But I think it would be more accurate to say that we try to focus objective research (or fact-finding) on the practically urgent issues of Southern racial relations.

With this explanation, or caveat, out of the way, let me mention some of the things we are doing which relate, I should think, to urban studies.

First, during the past year we have published two pamphlets which have a tangenital bearing on urban problems:

Sp—!
please!

Donald R. Green and W. E. Gauerke (Education, Emory), If the Schools Are Closed, A Critical Study of the Private School Plan

Margaret Price, (SRC staff consultant), The Negro and the Ballot in the South (under a grant from the Field Foundation)

A third such pamphlet is in process, and should be published about January or February; it is a study of the Southern press - all examples used being large city newspapers. A principal contributor to the study is your Walter Spearman. A fourth such tangenital study is one by Donald Dewey (Duke, Economics) on the effects of segregation on the Southern industrial manpower supply; Dr. Dewey expects his manuscript to be finished next Spring.

Second, we have in process several pamphlets which relate more directly to urban problems:

C. H. Parrish (Sociology, Louisville) is treating the sociological problems of the city from the standpoint of the way they are aggravated by segregation. Dr. Parrish has a unique twist on this old subject, and so I am fearful of describing it more exactly. He has done arough draft, and I assume (not very confidently) the final manuscript will be in within the next few months. (I would, incidentally, suggest Dr. Parrish as a person for your list of informants.)

Jane Reif (ex-newspaper staffer, Norfolk) has written a portrayal of community reaction in Norfolk to the schools closing. Probable publication: January or February, 1960

Frank H. Stallings (Education, Louisville) is summarizing and interpreting for us the (a) results of achievement tests given to white and Negro school children in Atlanta in 1956; (b) the academic results of five years of integration in Washington.

Third, E. M. Rudwick (Social Welfare, Florida State) is surveying anew the employment of Negro policemen by Southern cities. We have made a small financial contribution and helped Mr. Rudwich otherwise. How or when he will publish I do not know.

Fourth, B. E. Lott (Psychology, Kentucky State) and A. J. Lott (psychology, Kentucky) are conducting a very promising study of career motivation of Negro high-school students in Lexington, sponsored by the Kentucky Council on Human Relations, an affiliate of ours. Members of the Council have recently completed a more modest study in Louisville on the "fit" between job opportunities and employment potential of Negro high school seniors.

Fifth, we have decided to undertake work in several other fields, though as yet we are only unlimbering.

Housing - we have commissioned a memorandum by a professional housing consultant on the economic situation of the Negro in the Southern housing market. We expect to use this memorandum as the basis for defining a publications approach.

Medical care - we have formulated, after considerable exploratory study, a plan and a proposal for an analysis of inequalities in medical service. We are requesting foundation assistance; if we do not get it, we shall undertake the study anyway, though on a more modest scale.

Negro crime - we have decided that we should do something to help put the high incidence of Negro crime, and the even higher notoriety of Negro crime, in a correct socio-economic perspective. We have accordingly been in correspondence with several Southern sociologists in an effort to define an approach.

Negro achievement and opportunities - we have formulated a plan and approposal for a descriptive account of achievement on the one hand, and narrow opportunities on the other. We expect to request foundation assistance; if we do not get it, we shall go ahead on a more modest scale. Basically, this would be an elaboration of the growth of the Negro bougeoisie.

Sixth, we seem to learn of, in one way or another but usually from the researcher, most of the scholarly research being done in or around the field of race relations, and in some measure operate informally as a clearing-house of news. Likewise, we have used whatever opportunities present themselves to encourage foundations to support meritorious research plans.

I believe the preceding sentence would not be an appropriate item for your newsletter; for several reasons, I would prefer that your newsletter made no mention of our study of the Southern press; and our connection with the Rudwick survey is so slight that we should not be the source of publicity for it.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Enclosures:
If the Schools Are Closed
The Negro and the Ballot in the South

December 8, 1959

Miss Margaret M. Joyce
56 Cunningham Street
Springfield, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Joyce:

We are mailing you today, under separate cover, some of our meterials which will be helpful to you in writing your term paper, "The Effects of Integration in the South."

Our special report on waiting room practices in 21 southern cities will give you some information on transportation. You will note a distinction between inter- and intra-state travel; this is because state laws are still, in many southern states, being followed on buses that are traveling, or passengers that are traveling, only within the state.

With the exception of Veterans Administration Hospitals, most southern hospitals are segregated. We are planning to survey health and medical services soon. The best source of information is Dietrich C. Reitzes book, Negroes and Medicine, published 1958, and you may be able to find this in your public library.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
Waiting Room Survey
The Negro and the Ballet
Race and Conscience in America
New South, September, October, November, 1959
The Truth About Desegregation in Washington's Schools
Desegregation in the Baltimore City Schools
Wall Street Journal reprint

December 8, 1959

Mr. Frank G. Davis
Research Director
Ebony Magazine
1820 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago 16, Illinois

Dear Mr. Davis:

We would like very much to obtain, for our research files, a copy of Ebony, May 1958 issue. If it is not possible to get this, we are interested in the article regarding integration in the churches, and would appreciate a reprint or copy of it.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

December 8, 1959

Mrs. J. S. Morgan, Chairman
Intergroup Relations Committee
National Congress, Colored Parents and Teachers
168 Jones Street
Cartersville, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Morgan:

In reply to your request of December 5, the following deaths have been listed as lynchings by the Tuskegee Institute during the past ten years:

	Whites	Negroes
1949	0	3
1950	1	1
1951	0	1
1952	0	0
1953	0	0
1954	0	0
1955	-	3
1956	0	0
1957	0	0
1958	0	0
1959	0	1 (Poplarville)

1949-51: Tuskegee Lynching Reports
1952-58: Attached A.P. release

We have renewed your subscription to New South, as you requested, and we are forwarding under separate cover a selection of additional publications for use in your report.

Sincerely yours,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM:a
Enclosed: N. Y. Times clipping

Mailed separately:
Background Report, Waiting Rooom Practices,
The Negro and the Ballot, Race and Conscience, Next Steps,
Washington School Story, A First Step, The Truth About Washington

December 8, 1959

Mr. William Chapman
The News and Courier
Charleston, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Chapman:

We are enclosing, as you requested, a copy of our statement of December 6.

We shall be very glad to have you come by at your convenience to discuss the pupil placement laws and to examine our files if you wish. We have not collected any data on pupil placement other than our many newspaper clippings on the passage and administration of the laws and such articles as we have seen. All of the laws and pertinent cases are reprinted in Race Relations Law Reporter, of which we have a complete set. All of the states of the old confederacy have enacted pupil placement laws since 1954 except Georgia and, by one definition, South Carolina (i.e. if you define placement as a law which sets up critera, South Carolina hardly can be said to have one; if you define placement as setting up a provision for pupil assignment, South Carolina has a placement law).

I believe that an article by Daniel Meador, in the Virginia Law Review, May 1959, is the best analysis yet published of the legal questions involved in placement; the point of view of the article is one with which I do not agree, but it is undoubtedly a thoroughly competent job.

I am sending you under separate cover a background report which we issued last summer and which contains a brief section on pupil placement laws, and also a pamphlet which we recently published on private school plans. If you come to Atlanta, we shall be very happy to see you.

Sincerely yours,

LWDSRC statement
Enclosures:

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

(dictated, but not read)

December 9, 1959

Miss Frances Reynolds, Librarian
Library, Research Division
National Education Association
1201 - 16th Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Miss Reynolds:

The publication you mentioned "Listing of Publications by Southern Regional Council" is out dated. However, enclosed is a recent mimeographed list of our publications plus some additional ones we distribute. This list has been prepared to send to libraries and the list contains many free publications in which you may be interested.

Please let us know if we can be of additional aid to you.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec
Encl.

via air mail special December 9, 1959

Mr. Morris Rubin, Editor
The Progressive Magazine
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Morris:

I couldn't get this off to you, as promised, last night, but trust it will get there in time to be useful. While the following list is far from comprehensive, any or all of those on it are deserving of a Christmas accolade from the Progressive.

REV. ROBERT McNEILL whose stand for racial justice lost him a pulpit in Columbus, Georgia, but won him the appreciation of fair-minded Americans, north and south. (McNeill is now associate pastor of a Charleston, West Virginia church.)

RUSSELL SUGERMON of Memphis, Tennessee, who se! impressive bid for municipal office (though he lost by a narrow margin) taught the politicians a new respect for the Negro candidate and the Negro voter.

RALPH McGILL (an obvious choice) whose syndicated columns for the Atlanta Constitution have kept up a steady drumbeat of good will and good sense in the heart of the Deep South.

J. L. BLAIR BUCK and the Virginia Committee for Public Schools (he's president) for their effective fight against "massive resistance" and padlocked schools in the Old Dominion.

MRS. JOE R. BREWER and the Women's Emergency Committee of Little Rock (she's chairman) for showing that city's business leaders the way to forthright action against Faubus's destructive policies.

REV. L. F. GRIFFIN and the Prince Edward County Christian Association for courageous leadership of the Negro community in this rural Virginia county which has closed its schools rather than desegregate them.

REV. CARLOS E. MARTIN of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, who has preached against local hatred and bitterness despite segregationist threats and attempted reprisals.

IRA F. WILLARD, city manager of Miami, who quietly ordered local recreational facilities desegregated because "that is the law." (Even though the City Council later reversed him.)

REV. ROBERT HUGHES, executive director of the Alabama Council on Human Relations, for his activities in behalf of interracial understanding, in the face of denunciation by segregationist churchmen and cross-burnings by the KKK.

ELLIS JAMES and the other white parents who brought the case of James v. Almond in Norfolk, Virginia, toppling key resistance statutes and forcing reopening of the public schools in Norfolk, Charlottesville, and Front Royal.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

December 9, 1959
December 9, 1959

Mr. Albert Vorspan, Director
Commission on Social Action of
Reform Judaism
Union of American Bebrew Congregations
838 Fifth Avenue
N ew York, New York

Dear Al:

Thanks for your kind letter of December 3. Our workshop was, indeed, a trifle warm in spots. The next time you and I are together, we'll have to have a post mortem.

I am enclosing a statement of my expenses for the one-day stand.

Most cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

STATEMENT OF EXPENSES
UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS
Miami, Florida - November 17-18, 1959

Airplane fare (Atlanta-Miami-Atlanta)	$ 94.05
Taxis & limousines	10.75
Hotel	14.42
Tips	1.65
TOTAL	$120.87

Harold C. Fleming
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

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December 9, 1959

Miss Patricia Pzylepa
2211 Boyer Street
Baltimore 31, Maryland

Dear Miss Pzylepa:

I regret to tell you that we no longer have the pamphlet, "Understanding Our Neighbors." It was published years ago, and has been out of print for some time. Under separate cover we are sending you some of our more recent materials which we believe will be helpful to you in your report for Modern Problems.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
Three Views of the Segregation Decisions
Next Steps in the South
The Negro and the Ballot
The Truth About Desegregation in Washington, D.C.
New South, Sept. 1959

December 9, 1959

Miss Debbora Kramer
76 Western Avenue
Westfield, Mass.

Dear Miss Kramer:

The Southern Regional Education Board forwarded your letter to us for reply, and we are mailing you today under separate cover some materials which we believe will be helpful to you in writing your term paper on "The Effects of Integration in the South."

You asked for suggestions as to books on this subject. Most books written on the subject of integration are concerned with the resistance to it, and the reasons for that resistance. But in the ones listed below I believe you can find material of interest:

The Southern Temper, by William Peters
The Southern Heritage, by James M. Dabbs
Neither Black Nor White, Wilma Dykeman and James Stokley

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
- Waiting Room Survey
- Race and Conscience
- The Negro and the Ballotin the South
- Three Views
- New South, June, July-Aug., Sept., Oct., Nov., 1959
- Wall Street Journal, reprint
- Change and Paradox

December 9, 1959

Miss Mary E. Harrington
104 Oregon Street
Springfield 8, Mass.

Dear Miss Harrington:

We are mailing you today some materials which will provide information for your term paper on "The Effects of Integration in the Deep South."

If you have in your local library the book, The Southern Temper, by William Peters, it will give you much additional information and an over-all view of the South as it is today. Other good books are: The Southern Heritage, by James M. Dabbs; Neither Black Nor White, by Wilma Dykeman and James Stokley.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
- Three Views
- Race and Conscience
- The Negro and the Ballot
- New South, Sept., Oct., Nov. 1959
- Segregation Costs, reprint
- The Southern Negro: Change and Paradox

Same ltr. sent to: Herman Long, Nashville
Everett Tilson, Vanderbilt Univ.

December 9, 1959

Mrs. Ruby Hurley
Regional Secretary
Southeast Regional Office - NAACP
859½ Hunter Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ruby:

Many thanks for your good letter commending Will Campbell's work under the auspices of the National Council of Churches.

I am glad that you feel, as I do, that this is an important effort and ought by all means to be continued, and if feasible expanded. I want to do whatever I can to help make this possible; y our letter will be a strong support.

With all best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

December 9, 1959

Mrs. Margaret Dabney
Director of Adult Education
Virginia State College
Petersburg, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Dabney:

The Southern Regional Council, the American Friends Service Committee, and the NAACP are convening a small meeting in Washington December 19, to consider how human relations agencies may work together to assist in situations where Negro students are out of school because of the current educational crisis. As you know, there are two such situations at the present time, in Yancey County, North Carolina, and Prince Edward County, Virginia.

Those present will be persons representing various subject matter specialties. We hope not only to consider where resources can be secured to meet such situations but also to discuss the kind of activities that could be developed to benefit the children. Since we believe that the skills of adult education may well be extremely helpful in some of these crisis situations, we would like to invite you to be present at the meeting. It will last from 10:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, December 19. It will be held at the Davis House, 1822 R Street, N.W., Washington. Unfortunately, no funds are available to pay your expenses, but lunch will be provided and you might be able to pool your transportation with some of those going from Richmond. Invited from Richmond are: Dean Thomas Henderson of Virginia Union University, Lester Banks, Oliver Hill, and Dan Bowers, who is the new Director of the Virginia Council on Human Relations.

I hope we can have the benefit of your thinking on these important matters. I personally look forward to seeing you again.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

December 9, 1959

Mr. C. A. Hicks
Supervisor of Instruction
Department of Education
State of Arkansas
Education Building
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Hicks:

In response to your request of December 7, I am happy to send you separately two copies of our publication "If the Schools Are Closed" by Professors Green and Gauerke. These are sent to you with our compliments.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

December 9, 1959

Mrs. Jane Lee Eddy
The Taconic Foundation, Inc.
666 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Eddy:

We acknowledge gratefully your letter of December 2 advising us of the second transfer of 200 shares of Gulf Oil Corporation Capital Stock to the Southern Regional Council. The Council's official receipt for the gross proceeds, made out to Mrs. Currier, is enclosed.

I thought you would want to know that Mr. Ernest Dickson of the Bank of New York has been remarkably prompt and helpful in disposing of the shares and remitting the proceeds following our instructions.

With continued appreciation and kindest regards to Mr. and Mrs. Currier and to you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1. (Official receipt)

via air mail December 9, 1959

Miss Katharine DuPre Lumpkin
Department of Economics and Sociology
Wells College
Aurora, New York

Dear Miss Lumpkin:

Unfortunately, we have never acquired a copy of the social scientists' appendix to the plaintiffs' brief in the school cases. The only copies we know of are single and highly prized possessions which could hardly be borrowed.

Have you tried the Legal and Educational Defense Fund of the NAACP? Since they presented the brief, I should think they would have extra copies. If not, I can only suggest a good law library.

I am grateful for your kind words about our materials. You may be interested in seeing the enclosed report on our activities during the past year.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1. (1959 Program Report)

December 9, 1959

Mr. Mayes Behrman
P. O. Box 33
Brasstown, North Carolina

Dear Mayes:

My apologies for not reporting to you sooner, but my first two days back in the office have been hopelessly frenetic.

I am returning separately, first-class, the wealth of impressive materials which I finally succeeded in prizing loose from the Commodore last week. They were very useful to me in describing the project to the principals of the Taconic Foundation. In order that they and their other board members, whom I didn't see, might consider further, I left with them the carbon copy of your overall account of the program. I trust you have other copies and can spare this one; it will be returned eventually.

The description of the project engendered a good deal of interest, and I am hopeful that the end result will be a significant contribution. How long it will take for the wheels to turn and a decision to be reached, I can't predict; as you know, foundations are frustratingly slow, and this one is no exception. I will be in continuing touch with them, however, and will do all I can to hasten the process. You can be sure that I will keep you fully posted and will advise you at once when and if a further step is called for.

Meanwhile, please keep me advised of developments on other fronts, including the reaction of Max Hahn and the Field Foundation. And be of good cheer and hopeful mien.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

December 9, 1959

Miss Mary Alice Baldinger
National Civil Liberties Clearing House
1637 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mary Alice:

Thanks for your two recent letters. I'm enclosing our check for SRC's subscription to the Clearing House.

The chairman of "HOPE" currently is a woman -- Mrs. Frances Breeden. She is a very able and articulate person and could be counted on for a good presentation. Whether or not she would consider it good strategy in this critical period to make a public appearance before all us professional mixers, I just don't know. There's no problem about her personal attitudes -- only the question of strategy and timing.

A similar person in a (now) less contested situation is Mrs. Joe R. Brewer, chairman of the Little Rock Women's Emergency Committee for Public Schools. (The women are in control, you see.) I don't know Mrs. Brewer except through correspondence, but I'm sure either she or one of her associates would make a good speech.

As one possible alternative, has Morris Abram of Atlanta ever spoken to the Clearing House? In the unlikely event you don't know him, he is an able lawyer, has carried the ball in various liberal efforts, including the county-unit cases, ran against Jim Davis in 1954, is well versed in the school situation, and is a brilliant speaker. Herman Edelsberg knows him well.

I'll be glad to talk with either of the Atlanta people about this if you'd like.

Best regards,

As ever,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1. (Check #977; $25.00)

December 9, 1959

Miss Jean Fairfax
American Friends Service Committee
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Jean:

I would suggest that the report on Prince Edward be treated as am example of the type of situation which we are considering. I would not have the report at the beginning for fear that the specific would dominate the general to too great a degree. I would either feed the report in at whatever time seemed strategic, or I would schedule it in the middle of the afternoon. In other words, I would suggest that the group first consider the general problem and plan Imaginatively and then near the end of the meeting focus on this specific situation.

I am not very excited about the suggestion that one or more of the church people you mentioned in your afternoon letter be involved. I continue to think that we should keep the meeting fairly limited in size; however, public relations and fund raising aspects should be considered. If the addition of One (1) of these people would assist in this direction, feel free. It would be ridiculous to try and get anybody from the Virginia Council of Churches and I don't really see the need of a church person from Virginia anyway. There will be at least enough, if not too many, Virginians as it is. I will, however, write and ascertain which are the most important white denominations in Prince Edward County.

I talked to Ruby yesterday, she states that Lester Banks will be present and that both Vivian Carter Mason and the chairman of the Norfolk branch of NAACP will be on hand. She is continuing to check with Oliver Hill and John Morsell.

Sincerely,

Paul Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

December 9, 1959

Mr. Frank D. Woods
Moody's Investors Service
P. O. Box 1236
Atlanta 1, Georgia

Dear Mr. Woods:

Upon further consideration, I think we shall take advantage of your generous offer. We would like to subscribe to Moody's for 1960 on the understanding that the price will be $77.00 and that we may cancel this renewal at any time before the end of May, 1960.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

December 9, 1959

Mr. W. Brooke Graves
2940 Newark Street, N. W.
Washington 8, D. C.

Dear Mr. Graves:

We are pleased to send you, under separate cover, the requested pamphlets: If the Schools Are Closed and The Negro and the Ballot in the South.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

December 9, 1959

Mr. Irving Morris, Librarian
Robert Louis Stevenson School
245 West 80th Street
New York 24, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Morris:

We are mailing you under separate cover some pamphlets on desegregation in the schools. We are a Southern organisation, and our materials mainly concern problems in the South.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
The Louisville Story
Desegregation in Baltimore
The Truth About Washington, D. C. Schools
Background Report on School Desegregation
General Observations of Little Rock
L-Reports, 6, 11, 12
New South, April, May, Oct., 1959

December 9, 1959

Miss Ellen Commons
Department Librarian
Department of Health, Education
and Welfare
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Miss Commons:

Yes, our pamphlet, If the Schools Are Closed, has been published. Since it is our policy to send one copy free upon request, we are today mailing you one copy. If additional copies are desired, the pamphlet is .25 each.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

December 9, 1959

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
Executive Director
The New World Foundation
475 Riverside Drive
New York 27, New York

Dear Vernon:

This will acknowledge most gratefully the Foundation's check for $20,000 transmitted by your letter of December 3. Our official receipt is enclosed.

I need hardly tell you how much the continued confidence and support of the New World Foundation means to us. You can be sure we will keep you informed of the Council's activities and will gladly be of service to the Foundation at any time.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1. (Official receipt)

December 9, 1959

Mr. Lionel A. Arnold, Chairman
Consolidated Charities
LeMoyne College
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Arnold:

This is to acknowledge most gratefully the check for $19.50 transmitted by your letter of December 2.

The inclusion of the Southern Regional Council in the annual Consolidated Charities Drive is greatly appreciated, as is the confidence of the LeMoyne faculty members who designated the Council as beneficiary of their gifts.

Most cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1. (Official receipt)

December 9, 1959

Dr. Merrimon Cuninggim
Southern Methodist University
Dallas, Texas

Dear Dr. Cuninggim:

Thank you for your letter and for what is, in effect, a contribution to the Southern Regional Council. Next time, I will hope to convince you that the cost of your travel is a modest price for the Council to pay in order to have your participation.

It was good, indeed, to meet you after so long a time. I am looking forward with pleasure to our continued association in the work of the Council.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

BC to: Harry Jones, NCCHR

December 9, 1959

Mr. Harry Golden, Editor
THE CAROLINA ISRAELITE
1229 Elizabeth Avenue
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry Golden:

Ever since I saw my first copy of The Carolina Israelite, my admiration for you has grown steadily. Your generous contribution to the North Carolina Council gives me one more reason -- if I needed it -- for appreciation.

I hope that some time soon your galloping schedule will cause our paths to cross again. Meanwhile, my warmest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

December 9, 1959

Mr. Ralph McGill, Editor
The Atlanta Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ralph:

As I just told you by telephone, Stephen Currier is looking forward to an opportunity to talk with you in the near future. He would appreciate a note from you advising him when you will next be in New York, or when you could come up for this particular purpose. (Needless to say, in the latter case expenses would be paid by his foundation -- The Taconic Foundation.)

His address is:

Stephen R. Currier
666 Fifth Avenue
New York 19, New York

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

BC to: Marion A. Wright

via air mail December 9, 1959

Dr. C. C. Furnas
Chancellor
The University of Buffalo
Buffalo 14, New York

Dear Dr. Furnas:

Since I last wrote you, I have learned that an invitation to the December 16 conference also went to Mr. Marion A. Wright, immediate past president and now vice-president of the Southern Regional Council.

This is most welcome news, since Mr. Wright is admirably fitted to contribute to the proposed discussion and would be far and away the best representative this organization could have present.

Unfortunately, it is not practicable for the Southern Regional Council to send more than one person to the conference. Therefore, I trust you will accept my regretful apology for reneging on my earlier acceptance. While I shall be sorry to miss this promising discussion, I am more than compensated by the knowledge that Mr. Wright will be present.

With every good wish to you and Senator Javits for a successful and productive conference, I am

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

December 10, 1959

Mr. Jonathan Daniels
Raleigh News & Observer
Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Mr. Daniels:

I wonder if you would have available a copy of the paper read by you at the recent meeting of the Southern Historical Association. We have heard and read so much comment on it that we would like very much to have an opportunity to read it.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

December 10, 1959

Mr. Vernon Z. Crawford
570 Davis Avenue - Franklin Bldg.
Mobile, Alabama

Dear Mr. Crawford:

In your letter of December 7 you request the numbers of white and Negro males convicted for rape in Alabama between 1940 and 1959 and the sentence or punishment imposed. We do not attempt to compile or maintain such statistics. My belief would be that the two most likely sources of information for you would be:

The NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, 10 Columbus Circle, Suite 1790, New York, N. Y.

Tuskegee Institute, Social Sciences Research, Drawer 1, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

It has been reported by A. K. Chalmers, president of the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, that from 1930 to 1957 there were 361 Negroes executed for rape and 38 white men. In the fifteen southern states, the District of Columbia and Nevada, where rape is punishable by death, no white man has ever been executed for the rape of a Negro woman, although, as you undoubtedly know, that sentence has recently been imposed in South Carolina. (letter to editor, New York Times, July 5, 1959)

I am sorry we could not give you the information you require, but I trust you can find it from the two sources noted.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

December 10, 1959

Mr. Charles A. Shaw, President
Watchtower Life Insurance Company
2206 Dowling Street
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Shaw:

I find that I am unable to provide any more information concerning the request we discussed on the telephone the other day. I talked with Harold Fleming and he tells me that the request came to us from a reliable third party who is attempting to find out the facts for another firm. We do not know the name of the company but we are sure that the request is in good faith and concerns a real situation.

All we know is that the company concerned is considering building a small manufacturing plant in the eastern area of Texas. They are interested in information on various communities and would consider Houston and the Dallas - Ft. Worth areas as possible. They are particularly interested in Athens, Texas. They wish a community where they can depart from traditional employment practices without undue difficulty or criticism. Any suggestions that you can make along these lines will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

December 10, 1959

Via Air Mail

Dr. Rufus Atwood
Kentucky Council on Human Relations
P. O. Box 338
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Atwood:

Our Research Department was quite interested in the report of the Lexington effort that I brought back from the Annual Meeting. Would it be possible for us to have an extra copy or two, plus any later report that has come out since the meeting.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

December 10, 1959

Mr. Marion Wright
Top Knot
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

In Harold's absence, I contacted Ben Muse concerning your suggestion for the strategic use of his services in contacting political leadership in Raleigh about the Yancey County situation.

Ben indicated that there had been another death in his family recently and consequently he was not sure when he could get to North Carolina. He said, however, that he hopes to follow up on your suggestion as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

December 10, 1959

Via Air Mail

Mr. John Hope, II
Race Relations Department
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear John:

I am sending on the latest communication from James Noland concerning the Houston workshop. I would suggest that you take up negotiations with Jim and that you make the initial contact by telephone in view of the zeal and enthusiasm which he has demonstrated concerning this project in recent weeks.

Let me know if I can be of service.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm
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via air mail December 10, 1959

Mr. William Peters
921 Grant Avenue
Pelham Manor, New York

Dear Bill:

Further information on possible candidates for your TV show.

After considerable discussion between Harold and Art Levin, director of the Southeastern office of ADL, three likely candidates were selected. These are Bill Hendrix of Florida, J. B. Stoner, currently of Atlanta, and the brothers Richard and Robert Bolling. From the local ADL files I have selected the enclosed information on Hendrix and Stoner. The Bolling brothers are considerably younger, travel in the same circles as the above two, but have less colorful backgrounds and associations.

Between Hendrix and Stoner, I suspect you will find Stoner to be a more likely candidate. He has been active over a wider area and seems to be mixed up in everything from the Klan up. Stoner was very active in Miami in September, is currently working Georgia and the Carolinas, and may be organizing his "Christian Knights of the KKK" in Columbus, Ga., at this time as a competitor to Eldon Edwards. A group of that name is active there and taking part in an inter-Klan struggle here in Georgia.

The ADL office in New York will have very thorough files on these men. Art assures me that you will have no trouble in gaining access to them. And, at the same time, you can gain permission to use the material since all material of this type must be cleared through the New York office before being used.

Hope this is of some help.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

December 10, 1959

Mr. Frederick B. Routh
P. O. Box 2292
Detroit 31, Michigan

Dear Freddy:

I am taking the liberty of writing you directly, instead of the national office of NAIRO, about the question posed in your memorandum of December 2, for two reasons: (1) So I can chalk up a letter to my credit; and (2) because I can air more freely my feelings as a very new board member.

As to the substantive question of authorizing $3,000 out of general funds for the Big Think program, I will go along -- mainly because I feel it is important to take advantage of the AJC's contribution. But the plans for the program disturb me on two counts. First, it seems to me that the budget is unnecessarily inflated; for example, why should NAIRO pay an honorarium to its members for preparing background papers? This is our professional association -- isn't it? -- and we have no business charging a fee for this kind of occasional chore. That's all I will say about the budget, since Paul Rilling has even greater reservations, about which he plans to write you.

Secondly, in looking over the names of those who are to prepare papers, I see nobody at all from the South. Granted that some of the participants invited may be from the South, this still strikes me as unfortunate. The pattern reinforces the stereotype that this is the Northern Association of Intergroup Relations Officials. I would hesitate to make this point in a meeting or in a formal communication to the national office -- particularly as a brand-new member -- lest it seem to be! provincial, Confederate sensitivity. But I know you will understand, since you share my view that NAIRO needs to be better oriented toward the South, where presumably the future of intergroup relations will be heavily concentrated.

In this case, I am not even thinking about SRC staffers, but about some of the other agency people. In some of the categories, I think it is proper to solicit the papers from the leading theoreticians, like Feild and Danzig and Schermer, who are mostly if not entirely in the North. But for "The Changing Status of the Negro in American Life" and "The Changing Relationships Among Religious Groups" surely the Southern aspects should be pointed up. In the first case, Herman Long, John Hope, Whitney Young, and others would be naturals. In the second case, who could be better than old Daddy Will Campbell, or even Jack Marion or Neil Tarplee, to name only a few? (True, I'm not sure everyone appropriate is a NAIROite, but at least some of them are.)

Enough said. Having aired my gripe, I would much prefer to leave the question in your cotton-pickin' presidential hands.

On another subject, but still NAIRO, I talked by telephone with Lassoe when I was briefly in New York last week. He felt that support of these conferences should be the pitch to Taconic. I expressed my doubt, which I strongly feel, that Taconic will give money for conferences or trade-association process, however meritorious it may be. However, I did encourage Lassoe to get an appointment with Mrs. Eddy and put all of NAIRO's hopes and plans frankly before her, with a view to ascertaining the foundation's possible interests. In my private conversations there, I have plugged the intern program, but later learned from Lassoe that there will be only seven interns next year. This would hardly justify much money for supervisory personnel.

In any case, I asked Lassoe to let me know the outcome of his interview, so that I may be guided accordingly in my future dealings with the philanthropoids. I do think that Eagle, Freeman, and other old friends ought to be continuously informed and cultivated.

Well, this is hardly a personal billet doux -- but, by golly, it's a letter. Word for word, it probably makes me about even.

The very best from all of us here.

Yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Sent to Chapel Hill address

December 10, 1959

Mr. J. C. Herrin
American Baptist Home Mission Societies
164 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Herrin:

To my embarrassment, somehow your letter of October 23 got lost in the shuffle before it was answered. I hope you will accept my apologies for this belated reply.

I have heard of you and your important new duties from Will Campbell and others. Certainly you can count on the Southern Regional Council for such cooperation and assistance as we can give you. As a beginning, we are putting you on our mailing list. You will be receiving, among other things, notices of the Southern Interagency Conference meetings which are held - usually in Atlanta - about four times a year. I hope that you will find it possible to join us in these meetings, and meanwhile that you will call on us for any information or advice we might supply.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

via air mail December 10, 1959

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
Executive Director
New World Foundation
475 Riverside Drive
New York, New York

Dear Vernon:

This is to follow up the several matters we discussed by telephone last week.

First, I'm enclosing a run-down of the standard facts about Shaw University. It may help a little as you contemplate your Spring oratory there.

Second, I spoke to Bob Thompson about the AVC survey of veteran services. Bob would be interested and probably available if it were decided to ask him to do some fact-finding in key areas of the South. I appreciate your keeping me posted on this.

Finally, Alfred Hero did visit the office while I was away and talked with Paul Rilling. (This was appropriate since Paul is an old international affairs man.) Rilling felt that Hero's research, while slightly academic, is sound and promising.

We will be getting the red carpet and the wassail bowl ready for your threatened visit in March, though I hope to see you in New York before then.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

SHAW UNIVERSITY

Shaw University; Raleigh, North Carolina; co-educational; private control; related to National Baptist Convention. Accredited S. A.

Established as Shaw Collegiate Institute 1865. Name changed to present 1875.

Governing board: Board of Trustees; 15 members; self-perpetuating; no denominational affiliation necessary.

Enrollment capacity; about 1116.

Approved by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

Emphasis placed on Christian character and culture in all areas of a well-rounded program.

Courses leading to the A.B., B.S. and B.D. degrees. Courses in Business Administration. Training approved by the Veterans Administration.

President: William R. Strassner; Registrar, Martha W. Wheeler.

Medical School: Leonard Medical School - established in 1880, discontinued in 1908.

Law Department: maintained from 1888-1914.

December 10, 1959

Mr. Edwin T. Randall
Friendly World Broadcasting
122 North Providence Road
Wallingford, Pennsylvania

Dear Ed:

Sorry to hear the financial outlook is still bleak -- especially since my own good intentions have led to nothing.

It's hard to identify the logical place for you to center on just now. There is Burnsville, N. C. (Yancey County) where the small number of Negro pupils are boycotting the public school system rather than take the long round-trip bus ride to attend Asheville schools. It's a dramatic and moving situation, but a positive solution isn't in sight, pending the outcome of litigation. If this interests you, we can supply more background.

In the same general category is the Prince Edward County situation -- though I think it would be much harder to get the full story on tape there.

In the big city class there are Miami and New Orleans. As you know, Miami (or more properly Dade County) has a modicum of school desegregation. New Orleans is gradually nearing D-Day, but so far without the vocal opinion that has characterized Atlanta.

I would vote for Burnsville. But let me have your reaction.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

December 11, 1959

Mr. Daniel A. Bowers
Virginia Council on Human Relations
216-C Broad-Grace Arcade Bldg.
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Bowers:

We have read, in the Richmond News Leader, that the Virginia Commission on Constitutional Government has recently issued a pamphlet entitled, A Question of Intent. It seems the pamphlet was put out by the commission's public relations committee, headed by James J. Kilpatrick. Could you get hold of a copy and send it to Leslie Dunbar? He would like very much to see one.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

P.S. We would also like to be on their mailing list. Will you also send us the address of the commission's public relations committee, or wherever materials are mailed from.

December 11, 1959

Rabbi Harry H. Epstein
600 Peachtree Battle Avenue, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Rabbi Epstein:

I know that you are very busy and I hesitate to be so insistent but the women of the Fellowship of the Concerned want your message on Abraham. We have been holding "The Gleanings," hoping you would find time to give this to us. Unfortunately, our reporter was called out of the room when you spoke and our notes are not full enough.

The message was very timely and most surely needed as we seek strength of spirit to carry on.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

December 11, 1959

Miss Osceola A. Dawson
Registrar
West Kentucky Vocational School
1400 Thompson Avenue
Paducah, Kentucky

Dear Miss Dawson:

Thank you for letting us see the manuscript. We like it very much but unfortunately it is too lengthy for NEW SOUTH.

I suggest you might try the Christian Century and/or World Outlook. I believe I would revise the portion concerning Secretary Dulles if you feel you can do so without hurting the article too much. I believe it reads rather awkward now that Secretary Dulles has passed away.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec
Enclosure

December 11, 1959

Mrs. Moise Cahn
40 Versailles Boulevard
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Cahn:

We were fairly encouraged here with the results of your recent election. I realize that the margin by which Morrison led into the run-off is much too small to offer any strong hopes of his election. It was encouraging, however, though expected that Rainach was out of the money.

It is good to know that you are coming along on schedule with your plans for the organization of a New Orleans group in support of open public schools. Before I reply specifically to the questions raised in your recent letter, let me suggest several factors which you may want to consider as you move towards the formation of a public organization.

In the first place, you should be thinking carefully about the name of such a group. A name which is catchy, short and appealing seems to be of some help in recruiting, publicity, etc. the HOPE label here and the STOP (Stop this Outrageous Purge) name are examples of catchy, effective names. The Virginia Committee for Public Schools, on the other hand, is slightly cumbersome and less easy to squeeze into headlines.

It is quite important, judging from past experience, that your first public meeting have large impact. It must attract a siseable crowd, no fewer than 500, preferably over a thousand. This is necessary even if the crowd is largely an artificial one which is turned out by telephone lists, organisation memberships, groups of students, etc. The community inevitably tends to evaluate such an organization in its initial phases by the factor of the crowd turnout. It is important too, that the first meeting be quite hard-hitting in impact and of the nature to stimulate an enthusiastic crowd response. After the first mass meeting, the attendance element is slightly less critical, although the press tends to continue to comment on the size of the audience. Some of these groups have consequently not held regular meetings, but have depended on mailings to keep up with their membership after the first meeting, and an occasional public meeting.

From the standpoint of speakers at meetings of the group, I think you should be rather careful about using outside talent. If a disproportionate number of speakers are drawn from outside Louisiana, the meeting could give too much the flavor of "outside interference". Although a few outside authorities would be helpful, I would advise the group to draw primarily on persons prominent in the New Orleans area.

Concerning specific topics, I would suggest the following:

1). A discussion of the legal situation facing New Orleans. What exactly is the law at present. What will happen when the school board is directed to admit specific Negroes, etc. What legal changes would be needed to prevent the possibility of school closure in New Orleans?

One or more prominent lawyers in Louisiana would be best for this program, it would seem to me.

2). What happens when schools close? As part of the effort to awaken citizens to the danger of school closure, it might be well to have a program focusing on the disastrous effects of closed schools - what happened in Little Rock, Norfolk, etc.?

Again, this could probably be handled by local talent, although it would be feasible to import persons like Brooks Hays to talk about Little Rock, or someone like the Rev. James Brewer, Norfolk minister who was chairman of the Norfolk Committee for Public Schools, or perhaps J. J. Brewbaker, retiring superintendent of schools in Norfolk.

3). Economic aspects of the problem. In what way is this question important to the business life of the community? This is really an extension of the previous topic. Evidence can be presented to indicate that a stable public school system is essential to healthy economic life, to the attraction of new industries, etc.

Mr. Boyd Ridgeway, executive vice-president of the Little Rock Chamber of Commerce, is quite eager to present this aspect of the problem as it affected Little Rock, to other communities across the South.

4). How can a citizens' group work to avoid school closure? This program might focus on the experience of similar successful groups such as the Women's Emergency Committee in Little Rock, or the Virginia Committee for Public Schools. You might want to invite Mrs. Joe Brewer, Chairman of the Women's Emergency Committee, and/or Mr. Bill Lightsey, executive director of the Virginia Committee.

5). What alternatives are available? A meeting might focus on the legal and political methods that other cities and states have used to meet the law and avoid school closing. Such matters as pupil placement, gradual desegregation, etc., as applied in Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, North Carolina could be discussed. The group could learn that a number of communities have found it possible to work out satisfactory procedures through a variety of means.

6). What are the educational aspects of the problem? What happens when token desegregation comes to a Southern city? How do schools meet the problems that arise? How are academic standards affected, etc.

As public speakers for this emphasis, I would suggest Omer Carmichael, superintendent of the Louisville public schools, or Brewbaker, superintendent of Norfolk public schools, or perhaps Dr. Herbert Wey, professor of Education at the University of Miami and the author of Action Patterns in School Desegregation.

These are the only thoughts I have at the moment. I am fairly certain that most of the persons named from outside of New Orleans would be available to you on the basis of their actual expenses. I know that this is true of Ridgeway, Brewbaker, Wey, James Brewer, and Lightsey. I understand that Carmichael has had sufficient pressure to do this sort of thing that he does request an honorarium in addition to expenses.

Sometimes meetings are justified solely for the purpose of involving public officials or prominent persons in the community, giving them the opportunity to present their views. This week the HOPE group arranged a meeting with the four-man Fulton County delegation. The meeting gave prestige to Hope, put the local legislators on record as favoring public education and enabled the sizeable crowd present to reinforce this position of the legislators. If possible, it is useful to involve as speaker or moderator of such programs such persons as the Mayor, school board members, PTA officials, leaders of other civic groups, etc.

Let me know how your plans are developing and if we can be of further service.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

December 11, 1959

Dean Henry Kronenberg
University of Arkansas
College of Education
Fayetteville, Arkansas

Dear Dean Kronenberg:

We are pleased to send you the requested copies of If the Schools Are Closed. There is no charge to you.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Mailed separately:
4 - If the Schools Are Closed

December 14, 1959

Mr. Daniel Price
Institute for Research in Social Science
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Price:

I was glad to have the opportunity of meeting you last Friday, and hope that you will stop in again when you are next in Atlanta (or perhaps have lunch with us).

I am taking the liberty of putting you on our mailing list to receive some of our materials.

Sincerely yours,

LWD:a

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

Mailed separately:
- Leadership Reports, 10 and 13
- *The Negro and the Ballot in the South*
- SRC Statement, December 10, 1959
- *New South,* November 1959
- *If the Schools Are Closed*
- Waiting Room Practices in 21 Southern Cities

December 14, 1959

Air Mail

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
3401 Brookwood Court
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I was extremely sorry to miss the Board Meeting this week-end. I could find no record of ever having received a notice of this meeting. At any rate, I was already committed to a meeting this week-end.

I am anxious to come to South Carolina and spend some time with you as soon as possible. I would suggest either the early part of the week of January 11 or the latter part of the week of January 25. I am open to other suggestions also.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

December 14, 1959

Air Mail

The Rev. Dan Bowers
Executive Director
Virginia Council on Human Relations
216-C Broad Grace Arcade Building
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Dan:

Jean Fairfax has suggested that it might be wise to include in our consultation in Washington some national representative of a denomination which has a large white constituency in Prince Edward County. What denominations have a large white constituency in PEC? I am not much impressed with the idea. What do you think?

Regards and Seasons Greetings,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

Material sent:
Negro and the Ballot (60)
If the Schools are Closed (60)
New South Promotional (60)

December 14, 1959

Mr. J. William Gelven
Administrative Assistant
Missouri-Kansas Region
U. S. National Student Association
St. Benedict's College
Atchison, Kansas

Dear Mr. Gelven:

Thank you for your letter requesting material of Southern Regional Council. We are mailing you, under separate cover, some material which may be of use to your organization. Enclosed is a bibliography of films which may be of help to you.

With best wishes for your conference.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec

Encl.

December 14, 1959

Via Air Mail

Mr. Seth Glickenhaus
Glickenhaus & Lembo
55 Liberty Street
New York 5, New York

Dear Seth:

I'll try to hold the harm to a minimum -- if you will do the same in New Rochelle!

On behalf of the Council, warmest thanks. And, for my part, blessings on you and your house.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/sm
Enc. - receipt

December 14, 1959

Via Air Mail

Mr. Richard Ottinger
The Ottinger Foundation, Inc.
100 East 42nd Street, Suite 827
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Ottinger:

This is to acknowledge with warm appreciation your letter of December 11, and the Ottinger Foundation's grant of $1,500 for the year 1959. It gives us great satisfaction to know that the work of the Southern Regional Council has merited your continued confidence and help.

Please extend our thanks also to Mrs. Louise Lorant and Miss Patricia Heath.

I shall see that you continue to receive our materials and periodic reports on program and finances. Meanwhile, kindest regards and good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/sm
Enc. - receipt
cc: Dave Freeman with note from HF

December 14, 1959

Mr. David B. Eddy
1329 Essex Road
Winter Park, Florida

Dear David:

The "fellowship of the concerned" is a much-used phrase these days: but, using it in its pristine meaning, you are undoubtedly a charter member. We are warmly grateful to you for taking up so promptly and generously the effort in Florida.

Although it defies all logic, the Florida Council is just now in the sorest straits. Paul Anthony and Paul Rilling of this office, with the help of Mr. Dabbs, have been working closely with Bill Williams to relieve the situation. I know Bill and his lay leadership will be deeply appreciative of your timely help, and that you will be hearing from him soon.

The net proceeds from the share of IBM stock were $428.12, for which our official receipt is enclosed. We will be forwarding the Florida Council a check in that amount very shortly.

With season's greetings and best wishes always,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

Enc. - receipt
Blind copy to Bill Williams

December 14, 1959

The Rev. W. Carroll Brooke
Post Office Box 208
Staunton, Virginia

Dear Carroll:

Many, many thanks for following up so promptly the status of our contribution through the Home Department. Along with your letter this morning came one from Dr. William G. Wright (seems I got a bum steer about his changing positions) saying that the check for the 1959 contribution has been requisitioned. This helps to brighten the Christmas season!

Through John Morris and Neil Tarplee, I have been following the development of the Raleigh meeting and the Society toward which it points. All of you will have my best wishes -- and of course those of SRC -- as you gather on December 28.

Best regards and warm Christmas greetings from all of us on the staff.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/sm

December 14, 1959

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith
Attention: Mr. Lamar Wise
23 Pryor Street, N. E.
Atlanta 1, Georgia

Gentlemen:

This is to acknowledge your advice of trade date December 9, showing a credit to the account of the Southern Regional Council of $428.12 as net proceeds from one share of IBM sold according to the instructions of Mr. David Eddy.

Please remit these net proceeds to the above address by check payable to the Southern Regional Council, Inc. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/sm

December 14, 1959

Via Air Mail

Miss Jean Fairfax
American Friends Service Committee
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Jean:

I am sorry that I did not get agenda suggestions to you in time. However, I think the agenda as suggested in your recent letter is excellent as it stands.

I will be present at the preliminary meeting at 9:00 a.m. December 19.

Regards,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

December 14, 1959

Professor Frank H. Stallings
Department of Education
University of Louisville
Louisville 8, Kentucky

Dear Professor Stallings:

I sent your Louisville article to Benjamin Muse, one of the Council's very able field representatives and formerly the Washington Post columnist on Virginia affairs. I think you will be interested in a comment of his which came in response. This is, of course, no criticism of your paper but simply a correction of a point which you, in common with many others, are victimised by. Mr. Muse send a clipping which I am enclosing, and his remarks were as follows:

> "Stallings' brochure is particularly interesting to me as an illustration of how often the correction fails to overtake the error and a possible opportunity to strike a blow in our unending pursuit of truth.
>
> "The last sentence on Page 1 contains an error and a libel which was corrected in the Virginia press, but never in the Supreme Court record. NAACP attorneys let it pass, because they didn't think the court was impressed with this argument anyway.
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> "I have only one clipping on the subject, but it will show what I mean. In my Post column of May 1, 1955, I quoted the Department of Education statement as follows:

"'Assuming that a class is typical of the results obtained through state-wide testing, and assuming further that there are equal numbers of whitesand Negroes in that class, then the lower half of the class would contain three-quarters of the Negroes and one-quarter of the whites, while the upper half of the class would contain three-fourths of the whites and one-fourth of the Negroes.'"

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Enclosure: thermafax,
Richmond Times Dispatch, April 21, 1955

December 14, 1959

Miss Elizabeth Eddy
88 Morningside Drive
New York 27, New York

Dear Miss Eddy:

I have turned your request for population figures over to our director of research, Mr. Leslie Dunbar. You will probably be hearing from him or someone in the research department in the next few days.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

Material sent:
✓ Negro and the Ballot
✓ Negro Voter in the South
✓ If the Schools Are Closed
✓ Next Steps in the South
✓ What the Supreme Court Said
✓ New South '59 (May, July/August, Sept., Oct., Nov.)

December 14, 1959

Miss Janet Pearsall
Austin College
Sherman, Texas

Dear Miss Pearsall:

Thank you for your inquiry concerning Southern Regional Council. Enclosed is a brief background report on the Council and its work. This also includes some material from the aims of the Council which should answer your senond question. As to the third item mentioned, SRC has no membership as such. Prior to 1954, the Council did have membership but at that time it established state organizations and the membership affiliation was retained by individual state organizations. These state organizations are now independent of SRC.

As to question number four, SRC is chiefly concerned with the Negro in the South and their fight for equality. Our work is chiefly of an educational nature carried out through publications and field activity. Perhaps if you will check the New York Times index through the years you will be able to trace some of our activity.

Under separate cover, I am sending you a selection of some of our pamphlets and a sampling of our monthly publication NEW SOUTH.

If we can be of additional help, please write.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encl.

December 14, 1959

Mr. Julius Carter
Forward Times
P. O. Box 2962
218 West Dallas
Houston 1, Texas

Dear Mr. Carter:

In accordance with your request, we are placing your name on our mailing list for future news releases. However, it is doubtful whether we will be able to provide you with any news photographs since our news releases are such that no photographs are required.

With best wishes for your newspaper.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec

December 15, 1959

Miss Elizabeth M. Eddy
88 Morningside Drive
New York 27, N. Y.

Dear Miss Eddy:

We have your letter of December 8. It will take some time to compile the data which you request, but I hope you may hear from us by the first of the year. I am sure that for most of the localities which you list, 1950 census data will be the latest to which we have access, and perhaps the latest available anywhere. We shall, however, be very glad to answer you as adequately as we can.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

December 15, 1959

Professor Robert L. Gill
Morgan State College
Coldspring Lane and Hillen Road
Baltimore 12, Maryland

Dear Professor Gill:

It was I.

I am very glad to have your letter of December 6, and I am grateful for your interest in our organization. We shall continue to send you materials and trust that they will merit your approval.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

December 15, 1959

Mr. R. Orin Cornett
Executive Assistant
Division of Higher Education
Department of Health, Education & Welfare
Office of Education
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Cornett:

Having come with the Council only since January 1959, I can only assume (because on a cursory check we found no correspondence in our files) that you received a list of desegregated colleges and universities from us. We are enclosing additions which have been made to the list since January 1959. I call to your attention, however, that we do not say that these schools have been desegregated since January 1959, but only that we have learned of them since January.

If you have not already seen the December 1959 issue of Southern School News, I recommend to you its lengthy report on college desegregation.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

December 15, 1959

Mr. Carl D. Bennett
Flora MacDonold College
Red Springs, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Bennett:

Thank you for your letter concerning your NEW SOUTH subscription.

Yes, we have a record of payment for you from the North Carolina Council. However, there was no indication that you had transferred from Georgia and so your old records were still retained in the Georgia file. We set up our files alphabetically by states so the subscription clerk was unaware when she checked the Georgia file that your subscription was now coming from North Carolina.

Your subscription would have continued to the North Carolina address since your records were in order.

Again thanks for your interest and your kind comment concerning NEW SOUTH.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

December 15, 1959

Mr. Fred Routh
Post Office Box 2292
Detroit 31, Michigan

Dear Fred:

Here are my reactions to the Memorandum entitled, "Need for an immediate decision." I don't know if, as an ex officio member of the board, I am supposed to react to these things or not, but I will probably do so until you inform me otherwise.

Since the entire program seems to be too well jelled for effective re-examination and since the AJC has approved an expenditure of $3,000, I would vote yes on the question of authorizing the expenditure of up to $3,000 from NAIRO funds to make possible the initial consultation.

I have grave reservations concerning the value of this entire effort which seems to me over-elaborate and over-structured. I think the appointment of a small study commission which could make a report at the Cincinnati meeting, or one report coming out of one consultation, or the effective use of the Cincinnati conference as a sounding board on these questions would be more effective means of reaching the objective than two national consultations, a series of regional consultations, the printing of voluminous proceedings, etc. I doubt that the regional consultations would be feasible or helpful. I don't believe that a full-time staff coordinator could be justified for this program. I think the program itself, even if carried through on its present basis, could be done for less $6,000 or $10,000.

Although I do see considerable value in an effort to mark out some of the major directions of the field of intergroup relations for the next decade, I have always been somewhat sceptical about this great push in NAIRO for "professionalization" of the field. I think there is always a danger that a new field, struggling for recognition will lean over backwards in becoming over-formalized and over-professionalized in its emphasis on skills, techniques, formal requirements. Much of the vitality and excitement in the field today derives from its present scope, its unchartered horizons, its success in drawing practitioners from many allied fields.

Of course, I share Harold's feeling of Southern chauvinism in suggesting that competent Southerners be included both in the consultation and among those presenting papers to the study groups.

Probably as I become more familiar with the workings of the inner circles of NAIRO I will mellow in some of the more heretical views expressed above.

Season's greetings, etc.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

December 15, 1959

Mr. K. E. Boulding
The Journal of Conflict Resolution
208 Economics Building
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Mr. Boulding:

The pressure of other work has kept me from completing the article which, in my letter of June 25, I said I would try to send off to you by the end of the summer. I think now I can see my way clear to finishing it during January, and will forward it as soon as I can for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

December 15, 1959

Air Mail

The Rev. Hubert Beckwith
Annandale
Virginia

Dear Beck:

I will be arriving at the Washington airport at 2:12 p.m. this Friday via Delta flight 726. I am still in hopes that you can get over for lunch that day, even this late. If you cannot make it, let me know so that I may enjoy the steak dinner which will be proffered me on board.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm
cc: Dan Bowers

December 15, 1959

Mr. Ben Muse
Manassas
Virginia

Dear Ben:

Both Marion Wright and Bill Bagwell of the AFSC are quite hopeful about your making some approaches to the power structure in Raleigh, North Carolina concerning the Yancey County situation. Both suggest that before you initiate this effort, you should check in with Bill Bagwell of the AFSC office in High Point. Bill has developed some additional thoughts concerning channels of entre into the state administration along with those we discussed on the telephone.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

December 16, 1959

Mr. Allan S. Hartman
Executive Director
Center for Field Studies
Harvard University
Spaulding House
20 Oxford Street
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Hartman:

Although your letter of September 21 was a sort of thank you note, I have long meant to acknowledge it because of your very kind comment. I have delayed so long in replying for the simple reason that you extended an offer of help to us and it is not often that we allow such to go unaccepted. So I have been looking for something for you to do. Let me assure you that the research will continue. Generally, for reasons which you probably can understand, we fall back on persons with Southern identifications in our research and publications. But I am not sure that you can forever escape our solicitation.

I am afraid we have also been negligent in not placing your name on our mailing list. This has now been done, and we are also sending off a package of things released earlier which may interest you.

Sincerely yours,

LWD:a

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

Mailed separately:
- Leadership Reports, through 13
- *New South*, October and November, 1959
- *The Negro and the Ballot in the South*
- *Background Report on School Desegregation*

December 16, 1959

Miss Dorothy M. Walker
P. O. Box 248
Hillsboro, N. C.

Dear Miss Walker:

We do not have pamphlets on Student Drop-outs in Public Schools, or Juvenile Delinquency in the Community. I have telephoned the Southern Regional Education Board office here, to see if this could be their material, but they do not have it either.

The only suggestion we can make is a series of six articles that were published in the Washington Post in November, 1959, written by Carl F. Hansen, superintendent of the Washington D. C. Public Schools, and titled, "Youth on the Streets". These articles deal with the causes of school drop-outs and also delinquency in Washington, D. C. If you think this series would be helpful, you can probably find the newspaper on file in your local library.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

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December 16, 1959

The Rev. Robert Hughes
Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 1218 Comer Building
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Bob:

Just a few comments concerning my recent visit to Mobile. There were about eighteen at the meeting. This included a very poor representation of white people. The Mobile district effort has apparently not been successful in involving any cross-section of whites although this would seem to me to be possible in the climate existing there. I met afterwards with Joe Langan and others in the political sphere. Contacts were renewed but there was no specific emphasis on human relations problems. I was not able to meet with Rev. Lowery.

John McConnell was present at the meeting and should provide a channel through which a number of persons could become involved. None of the white ministers was present and Father Foley tells me that they have not been active in recent months. I think it entirely possible that a change in leadership of the group might be a useful step towards building more membership. There was a fairly good representation of Negro leadership present.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

December 16, 1959

Mr. Donald G. Nugent
Executive Director
Texas Association of School Boards
1512 Guadalupe
Austin 1, Texas

Dear Mr. Nugent:

Thank you for your letter of November 23, and for the list of local school board officers of your association. We shall use the list as you specify, and a copy of Action Patterns in School Desegregation will be going out within the next two weeks. We will write to you again sometime soon to let you know if we will have enough copies to send the additional three hundred.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

December 16, 1959

Dr. William G. Wright
Director
Home Department
The National Council of Protestant
  Episcopal Church
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Dr. Wright:

We are warmly appreciative of your letter of December 11 advising us that we may expect shortly a check for $1,000, representing a 1959 grant from the National Council.

The support which the Southern Regional Council receives through the Home Department is deeply gratifying and encouraging to us. Although a copy was sent routinely some weeks ago, I am enclosing our most recent program report.

With all best wishes of the Season, I am

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

H CF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

December 16, 1959

Mr. Galen Martin
P. O. Box 887
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Galen:

As you will see from the enclosed, I have asked that suggestions for the agenda of the January Interagency meeting be sent directly to you. We can, of course, prepare a final agenda here in the office on the morning of the 19th; though it would probably be just as well if it could be done ahead of time.

If we can be of any help, let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

December 16, 1959

Via Air Mail

Mr. John Bartlow Martin
185 Maple Avenue
Highland Park, Illinois

Dear John:

Greetings to you, after so long a time. We Southerners are discovering, as you might expect, that fighting for all we hold dear is costing us dear in some things we may hold even dearer. Which is to say that we'll give it all up one day for the sake of those engravings done by the Treasury Department -- precisely when, I refuse to predict.

I'm delighted to hear that your daughter is eyeing one of our proud Southern institutions; I only wish it were Chapel Hill, where I know a few interesting people. Unfortunately, I am blank on Duke. Of possible interest to Cindy, if not to you, is a suggestion made by Paul Rilling, a fellow staff member here. He allows that the Campus YWCA director, a Miss Barbara Bendict, is a keen, personable young lady who could be very helpful to you-all in sizing up the university. (With typical modesty, he claims that a mention of his name will enlist her eager cooperation.) She has an office on the campus in -- of all things -- the Faculty Women Apartments; fortunately or not, the office is on the first floor.

I am sorry to be so barren of suggestions. But if you return to Atlanta -- which I earnestly hope you will -- I'll try to make up for it.

My very best regards,

As ever,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/sm

December 16, 1959

Mr. Lewis H. Swindell, Jr.
Associate Executive Secretary
The North Carolina State School Boards Association
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Mr. Swindell:

Thank you for your letter of December 11, and for the enclosed list of 175 School Board Chairmen in North Carolina. We shall send copies of *Action Patterns in School Desegregation* to those you have listed. They should start going out within the next two weeks.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

copy of Hahn and Fleming ltrs. sent to Dabbs

via air mail December 16, 1959

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
Executive Vice-President
The Field Foundation, Inc.
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Hahn:

On behalf of the Southern Regional Council, I acknowledge with deep appreciation your letter of December 10 informing us of the favorable action on our request by The Field Foundation.

The terms of the grant are, of course, eminently acceptable, and we shall expect payment of the grant in semi-annual instalments throughout the grant period. We shall be sending you periodic reports on the Council's organizational and program activities, as well as the usual audited financial statements.

We are profoundly grateful for the generous view of the Council's efforts held by Governor Stevenson and the Directors. Nothing could give us greater satisfaction than to feel that the Council's work justifies your confidence.

Please call on us at any time the staff or the officers of the Council can be of service to The Field Foundation. Apart from its generous assistance to this organization, we greatly value the Foundation's concern for the broad range of efforts to advance human relations.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

via air mail special December 16, 1959

Mrs. Jane Lee Eddy
The Taconic Foundation, Inc.
666 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Jane Lee:

Herewith the first, and main, instalment of the ministers. Each of them has expressed the view that an anonymous gift to his church, in recognition of his contribution to good race relations, would be welcome and would create no serious difficulties. There are an additional 15 to 20 names for which we haven't yet received this "clearance," but the lines are out and we should have reports on them shortly. In fact, we may have word on some of them this afternoon, in which case I will enclose supplement number one with this letter.

If my arithmetic is correct, the total of recommended gifts to individual churches should be $40,000, give or take a little.

We have virtually ready a list of state and local Councils of Churches which deserve support for their race relations activities. Since one or two remain to be checked, I will mail the entire list to you no later than tomorrow. The total recommended amount for the Councils will not exceed $15,000.

I trust that this year all names and addresses will prove current and correct! If any complications should arise, don't hesitate to dump them in my lap

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1. (List)

December 16, 1959

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Penn Community Services, Inc.
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

You will see from the enclosed minutes of the action of the Southern Interagency Conference concerning the spring meeting at Penn. The specific date for the meeting will be set at the January meeting. Perhaps for this reason as well as the general meeting you might want to be present. We would enjoy having you. Therefore, hope you can be here on January 19 - 20. If you cannot come, would you send me any dates on which Penn could not have the group.

Wright Baker of the American Council on Education tells me that Penn has agreed to have Mr. Taffete during the holidays. Hope this is not an imposition. Certainly the Committee on Leaders and Specialists and the State Department should know of Penn for the foreign visitor circuit.

Best wishes of the season to you and the family.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

December 16, 1959

Mr. J. C. Herrin
American Baptist Home Mission
Societies
227 E. Franklin Street
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Herrin:

As you may know, the Southern Interagency Conference consists of a quarterly gathering of persons and agencies in the South concerned with human relations. The enclosed minutes of the last meeting and statement of purposes will give you some idea of the interests of the group.

In light of your current work in the region, I am sure the group would be happy to have you join them for the next meeting. The enclosed memo will give you the details of the meeting, which is to be held on January 19 - 20 at Atlanta University. In the event you can come, it will offer an excellent opportunity for you to meet at one time some twenty or thirty persons representing agencies, organizations, and church groups in the South.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

December 16, 1959

Miss Dorothy Pease
7 Cadwell Road
Bloomfield, Conn.

Dear Miss Pease:

We are mailing you today under separate cover two publications which will give you some information on "Negro Contributions to American Culture."

In addition, we can suggest that you check your local library for the following books:

The Negro in American Culture, by Margaret Just Butcher
The New Negro, by Albert and Charles Boni, edited by Alain Locke (or any books written by him)

You might also see if your library has file copies of Ebony, a monthly magazine. The October 1959 issue contained a lengthy article, with illustrations, on the Negro in opera. Almost any issue will have something you could use.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
Singers in the Dawn
America's Tenth Man

December 16, 1959

Miss Rose Hendrickson
Rt. 3, Box 228
Cedar Lake, Indiana

Dear Miss Hendrickson:

I am sorry to tell you that we do not have any copies of "Brothers in Black" by J. McDowell. We are, however, sending you some other materials which we hope will be helpful to you in your term paper on discrimination.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
Three Views of Segregation Decisions
Next Steps in the South
New South, Sept., Oct., July-August, 1959
See particularly "Erosion of Liberties" in July-August, "Survey of Waiting Room Facilities" in September, and "Desegregation Resistance Slows Negro Vote" in October.

via air mail December 17, 1959

Dr. John A. Griffin
The Florida State University
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear John:

Thanks for your letter and enclosures.

I am delighted that you thought well of the recent statement. You will never know what a bruising experience it was to submit the successive drafts to the Executive Committee and the Annual Meeting. It is some comfort to feel that it was at least partly worth it.

I am sending a copy to the Reverend Mr. Holladay, and am enclosing three copies for your use.

There should be no great problem about the balance in the account of the Emory project. I wouldn't even suggest returning it, but would simply report that the remaining funds will be spent for a further lecture or lectures on The Subject. The donor might even be impressed by your frugality. Main thing is to render a good report on the effectiveness of the project.

All the best and Merry Christmas.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P. S. Thanks for the Gettysburg address; it's a classic.

December 17, 1959

Mr. James R. Dungan
P. O. Box 2137
University Station
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Mr. Dungan:

We are pleased to send you one copy of our publication, If the Schools Are Closed..., without charge. Additional copies will be 25¢ each.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

December 17, 1959

The Turnpike Press
Annandale,
Virginia

Gentlemen:

Please send us twelve (12) of your Scullcraft Engagement Calendars and bill us. Unfortunately, we have misplaced your order form but I trust this is sufficient information. We are interested in the standard wall-type calendar which we have ordered for some years past.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

December 18, 1959

The Rev. Cornelius Tarplee
Associate Executive Secretary
P. O. Box 853
Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Neil:

Both Harold and I have read and admired your address, "The Church in Areas of Racial Tension", which, if I infer correctly, was delivered before the National Convocation of the Church in Town and Country. I wonder if you could tell us if you have publication plans for this?

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

December 18, 1959

Dr. Tilman Cothran
Department of Sociology
Atlanta University
223 Chestnut Street S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Professor Cothran:

I admired your talk to the Hungry Club so much that I hope you will be able to send, even if on loan, a copy of your paper so that I may show it to some of the others here.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

December 18, 1959

Fondren Library
Southern Methodist University
Dallas 5, Texas

Dear Sirs:

We are mailing you today the requested copy of Intimidation, Reprisal and Violence. Our supply is almost exhausted, and we have no more copies for sale; however, we can send you one with our compliments for library use.

I am taking the liberty of including with this a copy of our publication, The Negro and the Ballot in the South, since many professors and students in departments of political science find it useful and helpful.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

Mailed separately:

Intimidation, Reprisal and Violence
The Negro and the Ballot in the South

via air mail   December 18, 1959

Mr. Charles A. Shaw
P. O. Box 2097
Houston 1, Texas

Dear Mr. Shaw:

We are happy to have your letter of December 11, concurred in by Mrs. Crate and Mrs. Rayzor. You may be sure that this matter will be put before the Executive Committee at its January meeting.

I am somewhat concerned lest you feel that the omission of the Texas Council from the 1960 recommendations represented any lack of interest in or regard for the organization by SRC's staff or Executive Committee. In order that you may be fully apprised of the background, I am enclosing a memorandum, prepared by Paul Rilling, summarizing pertinent developments since 1957.

As you will see, we have made considerable efforts to maintain with Texas the same kind of relationship, financial and otherwise, that SRC has with other state councils. A large part of the problem was that Ed Kloppe, though a very fine person, for some reason simply ceased to communicate with us even while the Texas Council was receiving SRC aid. As you will also see, we received no response to our invitation to apply for aid in 1958 or in 1959. The $600 for 1959 was allocated to Texas in the absence of a written request, and it was finally disbursed as suggested by Ed Kloppe and formally requested by Mrs. Crate.

All of this is water over the dam. The only reason I go into it at all is that I want you to understand our position. You and Mrs. Crate and Mrs. Rayzor are among our most valued members and we have the greatest admiration for the Texas Council's longstanding devotion to interracial justice.

Turning from the past to the future, I am also enclosing a copy of the memorandum sent to state councils in September. This sets forth concisely the information needed in order for a request for aid to be considered. The Executive Committee's consideration of a 1960 grant to the Texas Council would be difficult without the specific projection of finances and program suggested in the mimeographed memorandum.

I shall look forward with anticipation to further word from you and our other Texas "delegates." Meanwhile, my kindest regards and good wishes for the Christmas Season.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 2.

PRilling's memos dated Sept. 2, 1959 and Dec. 18, 1959 respectively.

December 18, 1959

Reverend Austin Hollady
Wesley Foundation
705 West Jefferson Street
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Mr. Hollady:

At John Griffin's suggestion, I am happy to send you the enclosed copy of a statement recently issued by the Southern Regional Council.

If we can be of service to you at any time, don't hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1. (SRC News Release, 12/6/59)

BC: John Griffin

Via Air Mail December 18, 1959

Mr. Harry Fleischman
National Labor Service
Institute of Human Relations
165 East 56th Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Harry:

Despite my delinquency in replying, your letter of December 3 has been a live item on my desk these two weeks.

Of course, all of us on the SRC staff are conscious of and doing what we can to counter segregationist trends among Southern lay church members -- including the stimulation of the religious press in the South. For the specific effort proposed in item four of the minutes, however, I suggest Will Campbell as the logical coordinator. In any case, we will raise the question at the next meeting of the Southern interagency group, January 19-20.

It has taken us a while to get the full text of Jonathan Daniels' speech and to read it. (We had only seen the newspaper account, which I take it was what prompted the MM Committee's recommendation.) Though rather long and discursive, the speech has some excellent things in it. If we get Daniels' permission, we will probably reprint it in one form or another. I will let you know.

Unhappily, I see no possibility of making the January 6 meeting of the Committee. However, I expect to be in New York sometime later in January and will check in with you then. Meanwhile, best wishes of the holiday season.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P. S. -- We were glad to see Sol Fineberg the other day; he said you had sent me a message by him, but he couldn't recall what it was. Something important?

HCF

December 18, 1959

Mr. Warren Lehman
c/o Community
4233 South Indiana Avenue
Chicago 53, Illinois

Dear Mr. Lehman:

To your review of Caucasians Only in Community, November 1959,

Amen,

and more like it.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

December ~~19~~ 18, 1959

Mr. Richard L. Simpson
Research Associate
Institute for Research in Social Science
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Simpson:

Enclosed is the questionnaire which you sent us some time ago. It has been particularly difficult to answer the questions therein since the Council is not a general membership organization. To add to the confusion our "members," some eighty in number, are in effect the governing body.

Also enclosed is a list of our officers and "members."

If we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures

via air mail   December 18, 1959

Mr. Henry Koestline
Minister of Education
Pasadena Community Church
2nd Avenue, South at 17th Street
St. Petersburg 7, Florida

Dear Mr. Koestline:

Thank you for your letter of December 14 and the kind invitation to take part in the February 22 meeting of the St. Petersburg Council on Human Relations.

Regretfully, I must decline because of other commitments. I should like, however, to suggest another member of our staff who is, in fact, better equipped than I am to discuss the subject you have proposed. He is Dr. Leslie W. Dunbar, our Research Director, who has spent a good deal of his time collecting and assessing the facts about economics and race relations.

I find that Dr. Dunbar is free on February 22. If you decide to invite him, you may write him at this address.

With best personal regards and good wishes for the fine work of the St. Petersburg Council, I am

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

via air mail December 18, 1959

Dr. Gordon B. Hancock
2908 Noble Avenue
P. O. Box 6056
Richmond 22, Virginia

Dear Dr. Hancock:

As you may recall, the Southern Regional Council ceased to hold general membership meetings several years ago when it became, in effect, a board of approximately 80 elected members. It was shortly thereafter that you felt it necessary to resign for reasons of health.

The annual meeting of the "Board" was held on November 11. I wish I had known of your interest in attending, for I know the members would have felt honored to have you with them as a founder and distinguished "alumnus." Next year, I will see that this question is raised in sufficient time for a notice and invitation to be sent to you in advance of the 1960 Annual Meeting.

With kindest regards and good wishes of the Season, I am

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

via air mail December 18, 1959

Mr. Frank Loescher
United States-South Africa Leader
Exchange Program
345 East 46th Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Frank:

I have talked to a few of my friends among the Episcopalian clergy about the proposed exchange with the Rev. Mr. Russell of Ladysmith. Their view -- which I am sure is correct -- is that such an arrangement, involving high-level decisions, should best be initiated at the denominational level. The ministers I have talked with are not candidates, and short of a rather widespread canvass I would be unlikely to light on the right man. This, too, suggests the desirability of working through denominational channels.

The right person to approach, I think, would be the Rev. Arthur Walmsley, Executive Secretary, Division of Christian Citizenship, The National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Church Missions House, 281 Fourth Avenue, New York 10. Authur is Neil Tarplee's superior and is an alert and knowledgeable social-action guy. He could involve Neil if and as needed.

It's a most interesting proposition, if a tricky one; if you reach the point of evaluating a specific

Southern candidate, we'll be glad to help you get the necessary information.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P. S. -- Just received a note from Nic Olivier saying he will arrive in Atlanta Sunday the 27th. I will, of course, be at his disposal. It pains me, however, that we will have visiting family with us and can't invite him to stay at our home.

HCF

December 18, 1959

Mr. Nat Griswold, Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

Since I had already mailed you twenty-five copies of "If the Schools Are Closed. . ." at Paul Rilling's request, I sent you only seventy-five in the additional package. If you find yourself running short as the campaign waxes harder, let me know and I think I can supply you some additional copies.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

December 21, 1959

Mr. George T. Guernsey
Asst. Director of Education
AFL and CIO
815 - 16th Street N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Guernsey

We are mailing you today, under separate cover, a copy of our publication, Intimidation, Reprisal, and Violence in the South's Racial Crisis. Unfortunately, we have only a few copies left. We could, however, send to anyone interested the shorter write-up in the July-August issue of New South.

Sincerely yours,

(for review in Edu. News & Views

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

December 21, 1959

Professor Wm. T. Cozort
Department of Government
The University of Texas
Austin 12, Texas

Dear Professor Cozort:

We are mailing you today, under separate cover, the requested background report on school desegregation, and several other publications which we believe will interest you.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Mailed separately:
Background Report
The Negro Voter in the South - 1956
The Negro and the Ballot in the South, 1958
New South, October 1959
If the Schools Are Closed
Leadership Report, 12

December 21, 1959

Mr. Omer Carmichael
Superintendent of Schools
Administration Building
506 West Hill Street
Louisville 8, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Carmichael:

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to membership on the Southern Regional Council. At our recent Annual Meeting, it was unanimously voted that this invitation be extended.

The Council has a membership of eighty Southerners drawn from twelve states, both races, the major religious faiths and denominations, and a wide range of occupations. The full membership meets only once a year to transact the important business of the organization and to formulate its guiding policies. Between Annual Meetings, an executive committee elected by the members meets four or more times to give the staff policy direction. Reports on program and finances are sent periodically to all members.

Thus membership on the Council imposes no burdensome or time-consuming duties. But it does provide a meaningful and informed voice in the direction of the Council, which we feel is performing a vital service to the growth of democracy and good human relations in the South. I greatly hope you will share this view of the Council's value and will do us the honor of accepting a position of leadership in it.

I am enclosing several documents which describe briefly the Council's history, aims, and recent activities. If you would like more information on any point, please call on me for it.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

James McBride Dabbs
President

JMD/mf
Enclosures

December 21, 1959

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

As you may recall, the Annual Meeting named several alternates in case any of the newly elected members declined. The first name on the list after Brooks Hays is Omer Carmichael, so I am taking the liberty of sending him, in your name, a letter identical to the one sent to the others elected. I trust this will meet with your approval, and that we will have better luck with Mr. Carmichael.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

December 21, 1959

Mr. Will Maslow
American Jewish Congress
Stephen Wise Congress House
15 East 84th Street
New York 28, New York

Dear Will:

Although we sent you a copy of our recent statement right after your letter of December 8th came in, I find that I haven't replied.

We'll be happy to add you to our news release list. I believe you receive our printed materials and other mailings -- which account for most of what we put out .

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

December 21, 1959

Father Alexander O. Sigur
P. O. Box 532
S. L. I. Station
LaFayette, Louisiana

Dear Father Sigur:

I appreciated your thoughtful note. We missed you at the Annual Meeting but assumed there was some good reason why you couldn't make it. (Overwork counts!)

It was a well attended and stimulating meeting. Our only regret was that time didn't permit more discussion of program and initiation of ideas from the members. We hope to remedy this next year.

All of the staff members join me in very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

December 21, 1959

Mr. Harry J. Carman, Consultant
John Hay Whitney Foundation
630 Fifth Avenue
New York 20, New York

Dear Mr. Carman:

We regret that you could not be with us at the South wide Workshop of The Fellowship of the Concerned, November 5 and 6. It was a wonderful experience. We have always wanted some one from your Foundation to see the funds at work that are given to us. Under separate cover, we are mailing you a copy of the Gleanings.

The delegation is always interracial and interfaith. We know the questions of human relations are both moral and spiritual questions. We had with us a Rabbi, a Catholic Bishop and a Protestant minister as well as lay leaders who are giving their time to help solve the problems of our sections. We have the cooperation of the overhead church bodies. Each send us the names of women who hold state or south wide positions in the field of social action. This year they came from the following places: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, the Carolinas, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Indiana, Illinois, Washington, D. C.,+New York . The out of South women were consultants.

State Workshops. The state workshops are similar to the South wide one, but they do have leeway to fit their state needs. Because of the suit against Atlanta Public Schools and the general thinking over the State, "That's just Atlanta's problem," the Georgia group found it necessary to spend their efforts to awaken the whole State to the fact that if one school is ordered closed by the State to defy the Supreme Court decision, all schools, under the Norfolk, Virginia decision, will have to close.

At all workshops, basic causes are studied and usually some humor comes out of this as they face the inconsistencies of both State and Church. It is growing increasingly difficult to have an interracial meeting in a church and have lunch served. At the Florida Workshop, this was discussed at length and as the women exchanged experiences, they were saying almost the same thing and saying it in serious tones, "When we have the World Day of Prayer or World Community Day and seek a church for a meeting place, we are asked about the social features. When we say, we will serve only coffee and cookies and stand around eating, permission is given us." Suddenly, after this had been said over and over again, they began to laugh and say, "Why, that's Harry Golden's vertical integration." A laugh always helps (It may be they will use this as ridicule to secure a place in the future.)

In Houston, Texas, we had over 400 women together, the first time Houston had ever had a conference across faith and interracial lines. This was well planned with 20 workshop leaders and recorders appointed ahead of time. Out of it came a permanent Committee, meeting at intervals to study how the action program that came out of the great Workshop was being developed and to make plans for a 1960 Workshop.

The Tennessee Workshop was another very large one. One of the most encouraging things was how they got together across racial and faith lines to travel together to Nashville. There were 20 from Memphis with five cars. Some of the cars were owned by Negroes and the others by white people, but they picked up those nearest to them and the fellowship bids fair to the forming of something permanent for Memphis. This was a two day meeting.

Louisiana women are planning a workshop in one of the northern parishes which is more or less Protestant. If they succeed in finding a place to have it, it will be quite a fete. Mr. Tiffany of the Commission on Civil Rights says these Parishes are the hard core spots in the nation. North Carolina works all right but South Carolina and Mississippi are so full of fear and are so under intimidation, but please know that we are still working in spots in these States.

These women of our South, out of deep conviction are very daring and courageous. At the Alabama workshop, held in the St. Jude Catholic Hospital, Montgomery, someone connected with the Citizens Council, took the numbers of all automobile tags and a community paper printed the tag numbers and the names of the owners and their business connections. This started telephone calls and threats to such an extent that the FBI came into the picture. This has not stopped these women, though, although the Negro women are afraid to meet with the white women, they meet separately and confer over the telephone, but these Montgomery women of both groups go to the Workshops when they are held in other places in the State.

Birmingham is our worst spot and on top of this, the Citizens Council, according to the Christian Century controls the Methodist Church (my denomination). At any rate, there is a well planned organization of Methodist laymen who are determined the Methodist should not become a fully integrated church. They held a State meeting at one of the Methodist churches in Birmingham. A Methodist white woman collaborating with her Negro Methodists and with some of other denominations, who helped with the printing, prepared a leaflet showing how small the change would be for an integrated Methodism in Alabama. On the day of the laymen's meeting, she stood at the door of the church and put this leaflet in the hands of every person. (I wonder if her knees did not tremble)

Bringing the women together from different towns and different States, strengthens all of us. They draw strength and courage from each other to stand against the mores of the community and even in some cases against their families. They themselves set up the slogans under which they work - "We seek a conviction that will not let us rest, a faith that will not shrink and a courgge that will not waver."

There is no money for these women to meet together, many of them, do not have it themselves nor is there money in church budgets for them. Without the grant from the John H. Whitney Foundation and some other gifts, we could never corral this great and strong force that in spite of many odds is tempering the climate of our section. The women are being the shock absorbers and interpreters of social change that is upon us. We are most grateful to the John H. Whitney Foundation.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/lec

December 21, 1959

Mr. Reed Sarratt
Piedmont Publishing Company
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Reed:

I am glad to send you the enclosed copy of the interview with Superintendent Hansen on an Atlanta television station. The text of the Carmichael telecast will be ready in a day or two, at which time I will forward a copy to you.

Sent
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My best regards and good wishes of the Season.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1. (Hansen transcript)

December 21, 1959

Miss Barbara J. Hudson, Librarian
Bureau of Public Administration
University of California
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Miss Hudson:

We are mailing you today, with our compliments, the requested copies of *If the Schools Are Closed*, and *The Negro and The Ballot in the South*.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

December 21, 1959

Mrs. Gloria Elder
Box 3665 University Station
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Elder:

We are mailing today, under separate cover, the requested copy of *Intimidation, Reprisal, and Violence* for Dr. Francis Pickens Miller. We no longer have copies for sale, having some time ago exhausted our supply; we are sending a copy with our compliments from the few remaining in the research files.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

Via Air Mail December 21, 1959

The Bank of New York
530 Fifth Avenue
New York 36, New York

Attention: Mr. McCrary

Dear Sirs:

This is to confirm my telephone conversation of Friday with Mr. McCrary concerning the gift to this organization of 68 shares of Gulf Oil Corporation Capital Stock by Mrs. Stephen R. Currier.

We authorize and request the Bank of New York to sell the said stock and remit the net proceeds to the Southern Regional Council in care of the undersigned. We are acknowledging this gift and forwarding an appropriate official receipt to Mr. and Mrs. Currier.

Your prompt and efficient cooperation in these matters is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

December 22, 1959

Miss Louise Young
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2001 Division Street
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Louise:

I have come up with a conflict for Saturday, January 23.

The crowded condition of that week will be somewhat eased by the postponement of the state staff meeting from January 20, 21, to February 10 and 11. The announcement of the postponement and reasons thereof are contained in a memorandum coming separately. I have two counter suggestions. One is that I come on to Nashville for the Friday portion of your annual meeting, or for Thursday and Friday, if desirable. The other is that I forget about the annual meeting this year and plan to come to Nashville fairly soon for a series of leisurely consultations with you and others.

If you are counting on me, however, for a specific role during the Saturday session, I will try and arrange to come, though it would be rather difficult.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

December 22, 1959

Mr. Harold A. Lett
Assistant Director
Commission on Labor-Management Organizations
The Nat'l Conference of Christians & Jews
735 Southern Building
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Mr. Lett:

In your letter of December 18 you requested our report representing a round-up of opinion on the economic e effects of opposition to school desegregation throughout the South. We have never done a single report on this subject, though it has been covered by a number of our L-Reports, and these are being forwarded to you. I am including also several other items.

Sincerely yours,

LWD:a

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

Mailed separately:
L-Reports, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8A, 10, 11
Montgomery reprint
New South, Feb., May, Nov. 1959

Same ltr. sent to: J.A. McDaniel, Memphis Urban League
B. L. Robinson, Richmond " "
J. Harvey Kerns, New Orleans Urban League

VIA AIR MAIL December 22, 1959

Mr. Arthur D. Allen
Executive Secretary
The Tampa Urban League
1615 Lamar Avenue
Tampa, Florida

Dear Mr. Allen:

This will acknowledge your letter requesting any information I may have about the Taconic Foundation.

First of all, let me make it clear that I have no official connection with, or mandate from, the Taconic Foundation. In the natural course of events, I have occasion to discuss the work of the Southern Regional Council and other human relations activities in the South with various interested foundations. The Taconic Foundation is one of these. It is a very new foundation with a major interest in race relations, which means of course that it is concerned with the Southern situation.

From my conversations with the principals of the Taconic Foundation, I concluded that requests from any and all agencies carrying on effective race relations programs in the South would certainly receive serious consideration. Any inventory of staffed agencies in this field would clearly include the Urban Leagues. Hence my comments to Charlie Steele, which he has shared with you.

In this connection, it is worth noting that the Taconic Foundation has evidently made a grant to the

Washington, D. C., Urban League in support of a special project concerned with vocational training.

With so few agencies in the South concerning themselves full time with equality of opportunity, I am wholly in favor of their needs being presented to the interested foundations. Should you submit a request to the Taconic Foundation, you have my every good wish for its success.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

December 22, 1959

Mr. R. J. Tresolina
Professor of Government
Lehigh University
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Tresolina:

We are very sorry that the pamphlet you requested, INTIMIDATION, REPRISAL AND VIOLENCE IN THE SOUTH'S RACIAL CRISIS, is out of stock. However, we are enclosing our publication listings with the hope that we may be able to send you other publications. We are returning to you your 50¢ for the above pamphlet.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Luel E. Cummings
Secretary to the Director of
Information

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Encl.

VIA AIR MAIL December 22, 1959

Mr. John V. P. Lassoe
N. A. I. R. O.
426 West 58th Street
New York 19, New York

Dear John:

With a heavy heart, I must decline the invitation to participate in the consultation of January 20 - 22. You would have heard from me more promptly, but I have been trying to work out some resolution of the conflict. But, try as I may, the Southern interagency conference -- which SRC convenes -- is still meeting through noon of the 20th; and since one of our philanthropoid friends will be our guest at this meeting, it is pretty important that I be on hand.

Doubtless the South will be well represented without me. But, if you haven't thought of him, let me suggest a Southern intergrouper who is currently in New York and thus would be inexpensive and easy to get. That is Tartt Bell, on leave from his position as director of the AFSC's S. E. Office to serve with the Friends' U. N. staff. Tartt, as you probably know, is one of the ablest and most experienced of the Southern professionals. I strongly recommend him.

On another subject, I thought the summary you sent to Mrs. Eddy was good and clear and concise. A conversation with Fred, subsequent to your meeting with Stephen Currier and Mrs. E., suggests that I failed to make myself clear about that situation. My point was not that Currier & Company are enamoured of the intern program but that they are plumb down on conferences. Thus I was -- and still am -- inclined to feel that the intern business, as an "action" program, offers more hope of success than the consultations or other types of conferences. It may be that you have something else in your kit that is more saleable, involving neither interns nor conferences. If so, by all means fetch it out and push it zealously.

All the best, and Noel!

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Via Air Mail Special December 22, 1959

Professor N. J. J. Olivier
c/o Mr. Hodding Carter
Delta Democrat Times
Greenville, Mississippi

Dear Nic:

I was very happy to get your note and am looking forward to your arrival in Atlanta next Sunday. Unless I receive word that your schedule is changed, I will plan to meet you at the airport at 12:34 P. M.

My wife and I would like nothing more than to have you as our house guest while you are here; but unfortunately we can't do so because of visiting family members over the holidays. (I am arranging a hotel reservation for you.)

We have planned for Monday night a small gathering of people whom I think you will find it both pleasant and profitable to meet. We hope to have the McGills there, among others, and I will try to have appointments set with the other persons you mentioned in your letter.

I shall be looking forward with pleasure to seeing you. Meanwhile, I hope you and the Carters will have a most pleasant Christmas.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Via Air Mail December 22, 1959

Dr. Ross Clinchy
President's Committee on Government
Employment Policy
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Ross:

I have given your call serious thought over the weekend and have concluded, with some regret, that I should be considered out of the running. However, I greatly appreciate your thinking of me.

You may well have a plethora of good prospective candidates, but I'd like to throw in a few suggestions, ? with special emphasis on one of them.

Fred Routh, whom you know, would merit consideration; but having been such a short time in the Michigan job, he probably wouldn't available. And there might also be problems of political identification.

Paul Rilling of our staff, whom you may also have met, would be a good man for the job. We are anything but anxious to lose him, but I can't conscientiously fail to mention him.

A third possibility is Emory F. Via, formerly our labor consultant, now on the faculty of the School for Workers at the University of Wisconsin. Emory has earned wide respect in the intergroup relations field and would unquestionably do an outstanding job. Employment has long been a special interest of his. Although his main experience is in labor education, he has combined that interest with a deep and professional concern for human relations. As labor consultant for SRC, he was virtually interchangeable with the other staff members, in both knowledge and skill. He is a Southerner and a Quaker.

If you are interested in exploring Emory's qualifications -- or for that matter Routh's or Rilling's -- I can supply as much additional background from this vantage point as you might wish.

Best regards and good wishes of the Season.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

December 22, 1959

Miss Louise Young
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2001 Division Street
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Louise:

As you know, several superintendents of desegregated systems have been used on TV here in Atlanta in connection with the local school crisis. The question has been raised as to whether the Nashville superintendent would be a useful man for such purposes. It is probable that public service time could be donated by a local station. Would your superintendent do an effective and useful job with this kind of program?

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

December 22, 1959

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
3401 Brookwood Court
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

The chairman of the April Interagency Conference will not be named until the January meeting which will be held January 19 and 20. I am sure, however, that you can go ahead and plan to be present. Your attendance at such a meeting, held in South Carolina would be a very normal and proper thing.

I will let you know when the April chairman is appointed so that you can take up with him or her the agenda matter which you suggest.

I would like to spend several days in South Carolina when I come so that I can have adequate time with you and with such other individuals or committees that you think I should meet. January 3 or 10 would be all right with me, but I would need to know quite soon if I am to be with you on January 3. The following week would be somewhat more convenient for me.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

VIA AIR MAIL   December 23, 1959

Mr. Benjamin Muse
Manassas,
Virginia

Dear Ben:

Thanks for your recent communications. We are glad to learn that you are planning an early visit to Raleigh; the letter from Brooks Hays to the Governor should be helpful.

We shall also look forward to your manuscript on the collapse of massive resistance -- whether in rough or finished form. I concur wholeheartedly in your idea of discussing publication with Doubleday or another of the well known publishing houses. It would serve the cause well if your opus appeared as a commercially published book.

Your request for leave next summer is approved, with envy. By July 15, you will have some days of leave accrued (computed at the rate of one and one-half days of leave for each month of full-time service). Thus some substantial part of your absence would be regular, paid leave.

Best wishes to you and Mrs. Muse for a very pleasant Christmas and New Year's.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

MEMORANDUM December 23, 1959

To: Members of Executive Committee

From: Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

Re: DATE OF JANUARY MEETING OF COMMITTEE.

A majority of the members of the Committee have indicated a preference for Tuesday, January 26th as the date for the January meeting. Therefore, the meeting will be held on that date.

The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m., in the SRC Conference Room. Lunch will be served and the meeting will end at the completion of business; no later than 4:00 p.m.

If we can assist you in making reservations, arrangements for transportation, or in any other way, please let us know.

It seems that the great majority of the members will be present and we look forward to seeing you on January 26th.

December 23, 1959

Via Air Mail

Mrs. Charles Keller, Jr.
1701 Arabella Street
New Orleans 15, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Keller:

The Negro community has not been involved in save-the-schools movements in other cities where these movements were underway. The general thinking on the part of Negro leadership is that they could not with integrity participate in a movement with the limited goal of keeping schools open. It has also been felt by white as well as Negro leaders that a movement aimed at bringing pressure on political figures and public opinion would be more effective strategically if it represented primarily white constituency. It is assumed that the attitude of Negro leadership is on record, that white persons will have more success with white legislators, and that it needs to be demonstrated that Southern white people are interested in keeping the schools open regardless of the segregation-desegregation issue.

All of which need not be decisive in the New Orleans situation. Factors and conditions differ in various cities. The HOPE organization in Georgia does accept Negro contributions and support, but has a policy limiting positions of leadership to white persons.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

December 23, 1959

Mrs. J. Watkins Dimon
2039 13th Street
Columbus, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Dimon:

I see no reason why you should not reply to the letter from the Training Center. It seems like an awful lot of red tape to go through just for permission to meet in the Center, but the government usually works in mysterious and odd ways. If you have equally good meeting places available elsewhere, you might not want to take the trouble.

Actually, the Georgia Council on Human Relations is no longer affiliated with the Southern Regional Council, although we do cooperate. I would suggest that in case you decide to submit the information requested, you enclose a brochure on the Georgia Council on Human Relations and answer the other questions from a local standpoint. In other words, indicate that the Council group is a unit of the state wide organization.

Mrs. Shapiro informs me that my speech in Columbus January 26 has been cancelled.

Keep us informed about your situation. We are anxious to help in any way possible. Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm
Enc.

MEMORANDUM December 23, 1959

To: Dean Henderson and Dr. Daniel
From: Paul Rilling

We very much appreciated your contribution to the Conference last Saturday, and the information that you were able to bring to the group concerning Prince Edward County. We are assuming that you are going to continue this kind of survey effort with as much speed as possible and that you will eventually draw together a report including additional recommendations for assistance in the situation.

There are some specific facts that we need to know as quickly as possible:

What is the grade by grade breakdown of the Negro student population, particularly the exact number that would be in high school, in junior high, etc.

Exactly how many of the students are in school somewhere? How many of the high school students in the junior and senior group would like to go away to school?

What local resources exist, if any, in the way of retired teachers, persons of special skills, etc., in the Negro community?

Do you know of any person or persons who would be qualified to serve as a full time educational coordinator if sufficient funds could be found?

Via Air Mail December 23, 1959

Mr. Ed Cony
The Wall Street Journal
44 Broad Street
New York 4, New York

Dear Ed:

Your note of too many weeks ago was most welcome. I have waited this long to answer only because I was planning a quick trip to New York and hoped at least to talk with you by telephone then. As it happened you were having some time off that day.

I'm glad to learn about the WSJ collection and the inclusion of three segregation pieces. Maybe we can extend the sales beyond the relatives, at least by one or two copies.

We don't see much of your cohorts in Jacksonville. Cal Brumley showed up some time ago, but had to leave in a hurry because of a death in the family. Doubtless he will be back to pick up the loose ends one of these days -- the Carribean and other glamorous areas permitting. Now that you're belatedly restored to our mailing list, keep an eye out for future stuff on the economic angle -- most likely to appear in the mimeographed mailings called "L" reports.

I am finding my way to New York fairly often these days and will hope to see you before long. Meanwhile, my best regards and a joyeux Noel.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

cc: Will D. Campbell

VIA AIR MAIL December 23, 1959

Mr. A. E. Cox
Delta Foundation, Inc.
933 Chambliss Road
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Gene:

This is just to let you know, on the eve of Christmas Eve, that I am not dead at the switch. I appreciated your last letter and the clips (which have been or will be returned), and am gratified to learn that conscience impelled you to New Orleans. I'm sure Father Twomey's presentation was the stronger for your help, and the written statements will be valuable if done.

I have not moved faster on the draft application to Taconic simply because my friends there have informed me that everything except the church gifts is in abeyance until January. I hope to take advantage of the between-holiday lull (if any) to give some sustained attention to this. You will be hearing from me further before long.

Meanwhile, do advise me at once if you get word from the NCC or if the situation changes in any way. Even if it takes some time to get action by Taconic, we may be able to make an interim arrangement that will keep you laboring in these vineyards.

Noel, and best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

December 24, 1959

Mr. Bernard Lande
Director
Research Projects, Inc.
404 Park Avenue, South
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Lande:

In reply to your memorandum dated December 16, I regret to say that we cannot be of help. The Southern Regional Council is not a general membership organization, and the mailing list for our own publication is, as a matter of policy, confidential.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

December 24, 1959

Mr. Mickey Levine
American Veterans Committee
1830 Jefferson Place, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mickey:

I find that I never replied to your letter of November concerning the proposed survey of discrimination against Negro servicemen and veterans. This is just to let you know that my silence doesn't indicate any lack of interest or willingness to cooperate in whatever plan is finally agreed upon.

Shortly after your letter was received, I had a talk with Vernon Eagle and, as he requested, gave him such ideas as I had about the fact-finding aspect of the project. I am all too conscious of the lack of systematic, documented evidence on this subject; we are all familiar in general with the discriminatory pattern, but proving it in court -- or in Congress -- is another matter. Hence my suggestion that someone be commissioned to do a fast but thorough job of fact-finding before you and Lou Warshaw come South. Bob Thompson would be a good choice.

In any case, call on me and the Southern Regional Council for whatever help we can give.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

December 24, 1959

Professor C. Vann Woodward
Department of History
The Johns Hopkins University
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Mr. Woodward:

My friend with the Associated Press has at last informed me that the plan is to use your series in January, as I gather you have been advised.

This is good news, and we will be watching with interest for the publication of the articles.

With good wishes for Christmas and the coming year,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

December 24, 1959

Reverend W. Carroll Brooke
Trinity Episcopal Church
P. O. Box 208
Staunton, Virginia

Dear Carroll:

Despite our telephone conversation, I still owe you a letter. The comparative serenity of Christmas Eve seems as good a time as any to do it.

You were, indeed, elected to the Executive Committee, and I apologize for forgetting that you weren't at the Annual Meeting and so weren't officially informed of the fact. As you know by now, the next meeting will be in January -- the returns clearly favor January 26. Normally, we allow a month's notice, at the minimum, but included January 5 as a choice out of deference to some urgent questions involving the state councils that await decision. However, they can wait until the 26th.

I realize it is helpful to schedule these meetings as far in advance as possible. But we're not always successful in getting the Executive Committee to set the date each time for the next meeting. I'm sure you can help bring this about.

It is putting it too strongly to say that I was disturbed at Dr. Hendersmn's election. Paul Rilling and I merely raised a question with Dan Bowers about the strategy of this step at this time. From what I have heard since about the potential candidates available, Dr. Henderson's undoubted prestige, and so on, I am perfectly content. In any case, whether I understood the reasons or not, I would be reassured by the quality of the people making the decision.

My best wishes to you for Christmas and the coming year.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

December 24, 1959

Mr. Joseph Haas
1116 First National Bank Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Joe:

I am remiss in not bringing you up to date long since in the matter of the loan we arranged with Mr. Milton.

The loan of $20,000 was made, at a nominal interest rate -- 2½ per cent, I believe. However, only two weeks later the dam broke and we received grants totalling about $60,000. The loan was promptly repaid, and Mr. Milton generously waived the interest entirely.

So we are home free.

I have placed on the agenda of the next Executive Committee meeting an item concerning authorization to negotiate loans when and if they are needed.

Best wishes for the coming year.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

December 24, 1959

Mr. Irving Carlyle
Wachovia Bank Building
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Carlyle:

This is just a note of appreciation for your prompt and generous response to Paul Rilling's memorandum on the Burnsville situation. I am sure that your fine letter, no less than your contribution, will greatly encourage the Burnsville group that is providing interim education for the Negro children.

We have been fairly successful in helping the local committee to secure funds, and Ben Muse will shortly visit Raleigh in the hope of applying some positive persuasion to the state leadership in this matter.

Let me take this opportunity also to say how much I appreciated your comments at the Annual Meeting. I hope you felt that the statement, as it was finally released, preserved the right note.

With kindest regards and good wishes of the Season, I am

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

December 24, 1959

Mr. L. D. Milton
President
Citizens Trust Company
212 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Milton:

I don't believe I have thanked you properly for your kindness and generosity in the matter of the recent loan to the Southern Regional Council. In retrospect, it is clearer than ever that it would have been a pity to disturb the Council's investments in order to meet a very temporary need for cash. Your readiness to make the loan at a nominal interest rate, topped by your waiving the interest entirely for the two-week period, was a tremendous help.

Incidentally, we are putting before the Executive Committee meeting the question of establishing routine authority for the negotiation of loans when and if they may be advisable.

With appreciation and every good wish for Christmas and the New Year, I am

Cordially yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL December 24, 1959

Mr. George B. Tindall
Department of History
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Tindall:

In order to enter the Christmas weekend with an easy mind, I won't delay longer in acknowledging your welcome letters and the very helpful summary you prepared for Professor Mooney.

I have deferred writing you because I had hoped to have before now such facts as Claude Sitton collected for his New York Times story but did not use. If Claude's incessant travel subsides, I will see him next week.

Our research staff expects to undertake the effort to collect more systematic information on meeting places early in 1960. Your suggestion that we also survey the attitudes of regional organizations and the provisions of state laws is a good one. We may also have to consider looking into city ordinances, since they are often more determining than state statutes.

In any case, we will keep you informed of our progress and will welcome any further ideas that may occur to you.

Best wishes for the Christmas season and the coming year.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

December 24, 1959

Mr. Charles H. Slayman, Jr.
Chief Counsel and Staff Director
Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional
Rights
U. S. Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Slayman:

Nothing very satisfactory has been done by way of collecting foreign press comment or other evidence of overseas attitudes toward discrimination in this country. Although we can't find a copy in our files, I recall that several years ago the American Jewish Committee reproduced some editorials -- from French newspapers, I believe -- on racial incidents in the United States. We have a mimeographed report called "American Civil Liberties in the Foreign Press" prepared under the direction of Professor Douglas Waples of the University of Chicago. But this is a scholarly rather than a popular treatment.

A publication of the sort you suggest would be useful. The problem is to survey enough foreign newspapers over a sufficient period to get an effective and representative collection. For a private agency, this would be an expensive and time-consuming project. The USIA, however, presumably monitors the press of other countries and might have already in its files the kind of material needed. (The New York Times of October 14, 1957 reported that the USIA was carrying on a "global study" of the damage to the United States resulting from the Little Rock difficulties; the announcement referred to "sensationalized news stories.")

Perhaps the USIA could be persuaded to do the job itself or, more likely, to make the appropriate material available to an interested private agency. We would be very much interested in seeing such a publication prepared -- and perhaps in assisting with publication -- but we don't feel that the Southern Regional Council is equipped to do the job.

If you get any encouraging reactions from Herman Edelsberg or others, I will appreciate your keeping us informed.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Mailed separately: 6 copies of Special Report on Louisville
1 copy: "L" Report No. 13

December 24, 1959

Mr. Omer Carmichael
Superintendent of Schools
Administration Building
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Omer:

The Special Report based on the WAGA telecast is now ready, and I am sending you several copies; more available if you should need them. I am enclosing with them another, briefer report (L-13), consisting of an excerpt from your comments, which we have distributed to school superintendents, newspaper editors, and other key persons throughout the South. You will note that the briefer report points out that the full text is available. We have had a number of requests as a result, and various people have commented on it enthusiastically. Just this morning I received a request for additional copies from the Field Foundation as a welcome supplement to the Southern requests.

In short, I want you to know that your appearance here was not limited to the usefulness of the moment, but continues to yield dividends in understanding and appreciation of the Louisville experience.

With kindest regards and best wishes for the coming year.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

December 27, 1959

Mr. Dan Bowers, Executive Director
Virginia Council on Human Relations
216-C Broad-Grace Arcade
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Dan:

I agree with you in dislike of an off-set type for Jane Reif's pamphlet. My own strong recommendation would be that you have the pamphlet printed. The $800 price seems about what we would pay here; I assume this includes the cover and layout services.

I trust you received from Jane Reif the two inserts which, in my letter to her of November 2, I asked that she mail to you. You may recall also that I suggested in my letter to you of November 2 that before this went to the printer a few sentences be added to bring up to date the legal situation in Norfolk, and I volunteered to do this, although certainly it can be done by anyone who has kept informed. What is your wish regarding this?

I assume you will let me know about your plans for proof-reading, if you wish us to help with it.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director or Research

LWD:a

December 27, 1959

Dr. F. C. Rosecrance
College of Education
Wayne State University
Detroit 2, Michigan

Dear Dr. Rosecrance:

Thank you for your letter of December 16. We sent off at once the requested copies of New South and I assume you have them by this time.

Rock 'n' ?

Your studies on the role of teacher education in human relations sound most interesting, and we wish you all success. If we can be of any help with information and materials, I hope you will call upon us. Any sources of funds we could suggest are obvious ones which you have no doubt already explored--that is, the Fund for Advancement of Education, the Field Foundation, etc. I wish we could give you some advice here that would be helpful, but I can only assure you that if we ever hear of a likely source of aid, we shall not forget to let you know.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

December 27, 1959

Mr. Benjamin Muse
Box 312
Manassas, Virginia

Dear Ben:

I was mortified to find today your letter of November 14 buried on my desk. You began that letter with a generous statement that not everything you wrote had to be acknowledged (and of course the same applies to my sendings to you); nevertheless, you did ask a specific question in the letter and I should have answered it. We bought fifty copies of With Justice For All, and, except for sending one to each state director, have made no distribution. I do not know what distribution ADL is making. They depend much more than we do on selling their materials. I shall, however, at the first opportunity ask the local office if it knows what has been done in circulating the pamphlet. I am just a wee bit uncomfortable about making the inquiry because I think ADL was disappointed at the size of our order. Would you suggest that we undertake a mailing? When I raised the question of distribution here before ordering the fifty copies, nobody seemed to have much enthusiasm for it. I agree with you that it is a good piece of work.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

December 29, 1959

Via Air Mail

Mr. Nat Griswold
Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

We have just learned that John Wheeler is back from South Africa and is again home. It occurs to me that you might still want to try to secure him for the annual meeting or a subsequent occasion.

Mr. John Wheeler, President
Mechanics & Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina
Phone: Office - 3-1121
Home - 2-3466

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

December 29, 1959

The Bank of New York
530 Fifth Avenue
New York 36, New York

Attention: Mr. Ernest Dickson

Dear Sirs:

We are in receipt of your corrected statement concerning the net value of the 68 shares of Gulf Stock sold on December 18. Since we have your check for $7,276.88 rather than the corrected value of $7,271.44 please advise us on how we should handle this matter. Shall we return the check to you in order that a check for the correct amount can be issued, or shall we deposit your check and refund to you the difference?

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

cc: Ruth H. Alexander

December 29, 1959

Mr. Joseph A. Franko
Delta-Democrat Times
Greenville, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Franko:

Thank you for returning the photostat and for the copies of the Delta-Democrat Times.

We are especially grateful for your generous article on the Council.

I am asking our information department to place you on their pressmailing list. You may find some of the material of interest.

If in the future we can be of any service to you, please feel free to call on us.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

December 29, 1959

Via Air Mail

The Rev. William Williams
Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
4241 S. W. 109 Court
Miami, Florida

Dear Bill:

Your financial report of December 20 has arrived and contains good news. We will need more details, however, before we can accept it as meeting the conditions set by the Executive Committee and release your first quarterly payment.

We need to know in detail about all funds that have been received and spent since October 1. This would include every bill that has been paid, the exact totals of money taken in with a pretty specific breakdown as to how much was received from membership contributions, in which months, etc. We will of course need to know the exact amounts of bills owed and to what extent you were able to reduce indebtedness to yourself before cancelling out the remainder as you did in your recent letter to your board. We would want along with this a detailed comparative statement of the status of the Florida Council as of October 1 and as of the present time. If it would make it easier for you to take September 1 for the earlier date in answering the above questions, feel free to do so.

After you have gone over your records, tell us how much of the income was the result of the special fund raising effort of the recent weeks. I know that this will take a lot of work, but it is the feeling here that we must have a pretty careful breakdown of these facts as a basis for and justification of the conditions laid down by the Executive Committee.

Harold Fleming says that he will not be able to be with you at your annual meeting January 23. He has this week completely committed with overlapping meetings.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

December 30, 1959

The Honorable Leroy Collins
Governor of Florida
State House
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Governor Collins:

We would like very much to receive a copy of your report to the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, meeting in Tallahassee on December 4 or 5, 1959.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

December 30, 1959

Mr. Edward R. Wright, Jr.
Executive Editor
Concern
P. O. Box 871
Nashville 2, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Wright:

We would like to order 25 copies of your issue of December 25, 1959 (Civil Rights Issue) to use in replying to requests from high school and college students for material on the South, and on civil rights in the South. Will you please let us know what the charges would be for 25 copies?

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

December 30, 1959

Bingham, Dana & Gould
1 Federal Street
Boston 10, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

On behalf of the Southern Regional Council, I would like to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 24, 1959, transmitting a check in the amount of $2,416.57 representing the Council's proportionate share of the income from the William Emerson Estate for 1958 and 1959.

With kindest regards and best wishes for the coming year.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth House Alexander
Secretary-Treasurer

December 30, 1959

The Rev. Robert Hughes
Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 1218, Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Bob:

I have arranged for the Rev. James C. Brewer to do the analysis of the Virginia developments that you requested. Jim was chairman of the Norfolk Committee for Public Schools throughout the crisis there and was a member of the state executive committee of the Virginia Committee for Public Schools. He has recently been elected a state vice-president of the VCHR. He is minister of the Norfolk Unitarian church.

I have trouble remembering some of the details you passed on via the telephone. Please send me complete details, repeating suggested subject matter, place and time of meeting, when you need him to come and by when he will be finished with this particular chore. Being a minister, he is a little uneasy about his Sunday preparation which he usually does on Saturday. I told him this was probably a Saturday morning meeting and that he could reasonably expect to get away by early Saturday afternoon.

I think I told you that the use of Consultant Service assistance to help you with possibe regional workshops has been approved. If you think you will want to carry through on this we should begin setting dates, etc. John Hope suggested two workshops would probably meet your needs.

Concerning Father Foley's plan for a massive communications effort, Harold and I have given it further examination and discussion and our reactions are roughly as follows.

1. Harold doubts that the Field Foundation would be particularly interested in this kind of effort, but sees no harm in approaching them. Harold has reason to feel on the basis of his contacts with the Field Foundation that they tend to resist direct grants to our state groups because of their increased support of the SRC program in general.

2. We feel that the general problem of foundation giving makes it extremely unlikely that a grant of the size of that contemplated by Father Foley could be secured by the Alabama Council. Foundations generally act on the principle that funds should be allocated in general proportion to the size and budget of the receiving agency. Rarely, for instance, would a foundation give a grant for $25,000 or so to an agency with a regular budget of $15,000 or so. For this reason, we doubt that it would be practical to include an item providing for a full-time specialist in communications.

3. The program as outlined in the first extemporaneous paper is over-ambitious. There is also some vagueness concerning the specifics of the proposal.

We do feel though, that some more modest effort along these lines would be feasible and useful.

4. We feel that a program involving a request for $3,000 to $10,000 a year can be developed and might meet a favorable response through some foundation.

If we can be of help in developing the final proposal, let us know. We feel at this point, however, that the proposal needs further discussion and refinement by your people.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

December 30, 1959

Mr. Cornelius Tarplee
Associate Executive Secretary
Division of Christian Citizenship
The National Council of Churches
P. O. Box 853
Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Tarplee:

Thank you for your order of our materials for the Seminary libraries. These will be mailed out as per your request.

The only charge will be for the three additional pamphlets and you will receive a bill as soon as the mailings have gone out.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec

December 31, 1959

Dr. F. D. Patterson, President
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Dr. Patterson:

The best of New Year's wishes to you and the Phelps-Stokes Fund.

It was good of you to write me a letter before I had time to write you and thank you for looking in on the Fellowship of the Concerned Workshop. I regret I did not know when you left. You may remember that Mr. Tilly was ill and someone had taken him to his room, and when the Workshop broke up into groups I went to see about him.

I am very grateful that I am assured of the grant for 1960, but I am trembling over the fact of the danger of not having it for 1961.

Your visit to the South was most necessary, not only to look in on us but your time in Tennessee in interest of the Highlander Folk School. It is an interesting time in which to be alive. The oppositions that come to us really are challenges if we accept them as such.

With the kindest personal regards to you and the best of wishes for the Phelps-Stokes Fund, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

December 31, 1959

Miss Thelma Stevens
Women's Division of Christian Service
Board of Missions, The Methodist Church
475 Riverside Drive
New York 27, New York

Dear Thelma:

I will be in New York on the 18th and 19th. I hope you will find it possible to give me a few minutes of your time, also I would like for you to let me know what hotel to use since the office has moved from 150 - 5th Avenue.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/lec

December 31, 1959

Mr. Harry J. Carman, Consultant
John Hay Whitney Foundation
630 Fifth Avenue
New York 20, New York

Dear Mr. Carman:

I will be in New York on the 18th and 19th of this month. Please let me know if it will be possible for you to see me during these days. The afternoon of the 18th will be taken up, but other wise no other definite engagements have been made. However, there are several other people I must see.

I hope you have received the gleanings of our South wide meeting. Now that the Christmas holidays are over, perhaps you have had time to read them. Again I wish to express my appreciation to the Foundation for making it possible to have the Workshop of The Fellowship of the Concerned.

With the best of New Year's wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/lec

December 31, 1959

Miss Eleanor French
175 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Miss French:

I will be in New York on the 18th of this month to the meeting of the Press Conference of N. O. W., which will be at 4:00 on that day. I will stay over for the 19th if it will be possible to have a conference with you on the question of integration of the United Church Women of the Southern states. I would also like to give you the echoes of the work shop I have had here and how much the women appreciated your being with them.

I will stay at the hotel which is nearest to the new office building of the church groups, just what it is right now, I do not know. At any rate, I would appreciate a definite engagement with you if at all possible.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

January 4, 1960

The Rev. Dan Bowers
Executive Director
Virginia Council on Human Relations
216-C Broad - Grace Arcade Building
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Dan:

We enjoyed your recently arrived Quarterly Report, except for the red ink on the financial section. Congratulations on breaking the log jam in Richmond, and in finding a prestige chairman for the Richmond Council. I see you are still sweating out the Peninsular situation. On this I suspect you will need the assistance of divine intervention.

Has the Arlington Council proceeded with a program as yet? You should familiarise yourself with the somewhat touchy situation concerning the existence of both the Arlington Council and a similarly oriented group based in the Unitarian Church there. The "other" group contributed to our northern Virginia budget last year and we should be careful to avoid any appearance of competition or conflict between these two groups.

You realize, I hope, that it might be possible to use the services of the Consultant Service Program in helping with the ministerial workshop that you plan. Let me know if you could use such assistance in bringing leadership from outside the state or moving it around within the state.

The State Staff Meeting is definitely set for February 10 and 11. More details and agenda will be mailed shortly.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

January 4, 1960

Dr. W. C. Cowart
Executive Director
Georgia Council on Human Relations
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E., Room 424
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Cowart:

We have recently heard from Louise Young in Nashville to the effect that Mr. William Oliver, superintendent of Nashville schools, would do an effective and useful job on a local TV program. Mr. Oliver did a particularly constructive job in preparing for desegregation in Nashville through the gradual desegregation of all committees in the school system, administrative, supervisory, and instructional.

The State Staff Meeting is definitely set for February 10 and 11. More details and agenda will be mailed shortly.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

January 4, 1960

Mr. Harry Jones
Executive Director
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 E. Third Street, Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

Thank you for your Quarterly Report, which arrived here in good time. Your check should be in hand by now.

You seem to have had a most eventful and successful Annual Meeting. 105 members and twenty college students makes a good sized group and larger than we were ever able to gather in Virginia in spite of our larger "on paper" state membership there. The resolutions were timely and useful and are being circulated here and to other state groups. Mr. Dabbs reported a good experience at the meeting and of course we were all pleased at the publicity given his remarks.

I do hope that it proves feasible to get a local council off the ground in Raleigh some time this spring. Keep me informed and let me know if we can do anything to help.

The financial picture indicated is not too bright. Your 1959 effort seems to run slightly more than $1,000 under the 1958 total. I hope this is no harbinger of trouble ahead in the area of finances.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

P.S. The State Staff Meeting is definitely set for February 10 and 11. More details and the agenda will be mailed shortly.

January 4, 1960

Mr. Will Campbell
P. O. Box 1083
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Will:

Thanks for permission to reprint your article; and although it is long, I do not believe we will have to cut it. If so, I will let you do the slicing.

Again thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec

January 4, 1960

Mr. Wilton Hartzler
Executive Secretary
American Friends Service Committee
1818 S. Main Street
High Point, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Hartzler:

We are happy to know that Bill Bagwell is going to be at the Southern Interagency Conference meeting. Reservations have been made for him at Atlanta University.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

January 4, 1960

Dr. Rufus Atwood
Kentucky Council on Human Relations
P. O. Box 338
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Atwood:

Thank you for your Quarterly Report. I do not seem to have the financial report which usually accompanies the Quarterly Report. I am enclosing a few of the report blanks for your convenience. I hope you will fill out one of them as soon as possible to complete your most recent report. If you sent one and I mislaid it, my apologies.

The State staff Meeting has definitely been confirmed for February 10 and 11. Inasmuch as this is planned for staff members rather than board members, I think you should use your own judgment as to whether to send someone from the Kentucky Council. Actually, you are the only officer whom I would think of as analagous to the Executive Director of the other Council groups.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm
Enc.

VIA AIR MAIL January 4, 1960

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Top Knot
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

Paul Rilling and I have read the draft of your Arkansas speech and are impressed by both its form and its substance. The notion of private acts affected with a public interest is beautifully relevant to race relations.

We have only one criticism of importance. Your remarks about the international-mindedness of Southern representatives in Congress are true of the past, but not of the present. The South, alas, can no longer claim this merit. Not only in individual cases -- such as a Talmadge replacing a George -- but in the aggregate, the Southerners' voting record on international questions is no longer distinguishable from that of the rest of Congress. This has been demonstrated by analyses in the Congressional Quarterly. Perhaps by a judicious use of the past tense, you can make the necessary adjustments without damaging the central point.

On a pettier note, Paul Rilling questions the accuracy of the Thoreau quote about the drummer on page 10. I question the use of "venality" on page 6; the legislatures have been stupid, irresponsible, exploitative, and what not, but I doubt that venality could be proved. Doubtless you have caught the

What did I do here? Fixed on the original.

typographical error on page 7, which gives the plural of "cliché" as "cliché's."

Thus do we justify your attirbution to us of "gimlet eyes." We apologize for such ~~quibbles~~ in the face of a truly excellent speech.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1. (Speech)

January 4, 1960

Mrs. Jane Lee Eddy
Taconic Foundation, Inc.
666 Fifth Avenue
New York 19, New York

Dear Mrs. Eddy:

This is in acknowledgment of your welcome letter of December 18. I have deferred a reply this long in order that our negotiations with the Bank of New York might be completed and an official receipt enclosed.

This third and last contribution of stock toward Mr. and Mrs. Currier's gift for 1960 brings the gross total to $50,152.00 of which $49,831.63 was net to the Southern Regional Council.

May I say again how grateful we are for this generous support of the Council's work. Both during and at the end of the current year, we shall see that you receive full reports of the activities which this gift has helped to make possible.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1. (Official receipt)

January 4, 1960

Dr. Alexander E. Sharp
Administrative Secretary
Board of National Missions of the
United Presbyterian Church in the USA
475 Riverside Drive
New York 27, New York

Dear Dr. Sharp:

We are warmly grateful for your letter informing us of the 1960 allocation of $250 toward the budget of the Southern Regional Council.

The voucher you were kind enough to send has been executed by our secretary-treasurer, and is enclosed. We will be happy to have you send the contribution at whatever time is most convenient.

Our ties of friendship and common purpose with the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., are greatly valued; accordingly we look upon this steady annual support as a gift of special importance.

With kindest regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1. (Voucher)

Via Air Mail January 4, 1960

Mr. W. A. McCoy
President's Committee on Government
Employment Policy
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCoy:

Following our telephone conversation of last week, I talked with Emory Via about his possible availability. After thinking about the matter over the New Year weekend, he advises me today that he could not consider a change of position at this time.

I am truly sorry this didn't work out, for the post you are filling is an important one and Emory would have been a fine choice.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

January 4, 1960

The Reverend Henry Koestline
Pasadena Community Church
Second Avenue South at 17th St.
St. Petersburg 7, Florida

Dear Mr. Koestline:

I have put the date of February 22 on my calendar and shall be with you that evening in St. Petersburg. I look forward to meeting with you and your membership.

The title which you suggest for my talk is all right, because fortunately it permits me to choose among several different approaches. I am almost sure, however, that the one thing I cannot do is that which you have marked out for special attention--i.e., the expense of maintaining two school systems. People do not generally, I find, realize that this rather obvious problem has been scarcely studied and that for the reason of the extreme difficulty for assembling and comparing costs.

You might let me know how long you wish me to speak.

I don't know how I shall be traveling, and so will not for a while ask you to make any arrangements to meet or house me. I shall, however, endeavor to get there by four o'clock as requested.

As to biographical data, I have a Ph.D. in Political Science from Cornell University; have taught at Emory University and Mount Holyoke College; I have worked with the Atomoc Energy Commission and been a Guggenheim Fellow. I don't seem to be able to locate a glossy photograph, but if I do, shall send it on to you.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

January 4, 1960

Via Air Mail

Miss Louise Young
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2001 Division Street
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Louise:

You are a skillful letter writer. After reading your letter of December 31, releasing me from commitment to your January 23 meeting and then listing all the ways I could be useful at the meeting, I have decided to come to Tennessee. After all, I have been to Tennessee only once this year and you only have one Annual Meeting a year. If you think I could be useful, then my duty is clear. My other meeting here in Atlanta is Saturday and Sunday and I could still get in on it Sunday.

The general outline of your meeting sounds excellent. I regretted that we could not be of more help to you in securing an outside speaker for your meeting, but I believe that the prominent people that you are bringing together from throughout the state will provide a more useful overall program.

From my Virginia experience, I am not too impressed with your idea of setting up separate coordinating committees from the local organization in Tennessee cities. I found that to channel coordinating with the state office directly through the local Council groups created a sense of involvement in state work and helped to strengthen the ties generally. Of course, the local groups in Virginia are more formally tied to the state Council than is the case in Tennessee. The structure must be keyed to the situation in Tennessee, and on this your judgment would be considerably better than mine.

I am particularly anxious to be present at the session involving delegates from college campuses. Be sure and let me know if this effort materializes.

We appreciated receiving your quarterly report so promptly. I am still somewhat concerned about your financial efforts. A total of $293 received from memberships and contributions during the quarter ending November 30, indicates that the efforts we contemplated when I visited Tennessee have not been put in operation or have produced no results as of that time. I have grave fears for the future of our work in Tennessee on the basis of our fund-raising efforts during 1959.

Congratulations on the newsletters; they are excellent. I think the idea of involving a committee of members in the preparation is a good one. I am anxious to know how local efforts are going forward in Knoxville, Nashville, and Memphis.

I look forward to seeing you the week-end of the 23rd.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

P. S. The State Staff meeting has definitely been set for February 10 and 11. Details and agenda will be mailed shortly.

We have written Marion Wright to send pictures, if he has them.

January 5, 1960

Mr. James B. Reston, Jr.
315 E. Franklin Street
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Mr. Reston:

We are sending you under separate cover some materials dealing with desegregation of public schools in Washington. These should give you a start. The New York Times gave very good coverage to the Washington schools, principally in articles by Bess Furman and during the 1954-1956 period, and you can follow in the Times Index.

Included in the materials we are sending are a few editorials dealing with the Davis Subcommittee. I think it is true that this committee's report has been one of the documents with the greatest influence on opinion in the South during the schools controversy. If your library has the Southern Education Reporting Service microfilm library, you could gather some interesting comments by examining editorials in southern newspapers about the Davis Committee and its investigation, especially from mid-1956 to the Spring of 1957. Unfortunately SERS microfilm does not index editorials and you would have to look them up by date in the newspaper, which is why we have not attempted it for you. I am sure your library will have a copy of the Davis report. It is titled: Investigation of Public School Conditions, Report of the Subcommittee to Investigate Public School Standards and Conditions, and Juvenile Delinquency in the District of Columbia of the Committee on The District of Columbia, House of Representatives, Eighty-fourth Congress, 2nd session.

There are magazine articles worth reading by Franck, in Commonweal, Aug. 15, 1958; Knoll, in Commentary, June 1959; an article by Douglas Cater which I cannot put my hands on, but was in the Reporter along about 1955 or 1956; and the U. S. News and World Report, Nov. 15, 1958 and April 4, 1960. You ought also see the Notre Dame Lawyer, Symposium, 1959. The Washington Post carried a series by Luther Jackson about the end of November, 1959; see the Post also for Feb. 11, 1957 for an interview with Mr. Hansen. I understand, though I have never seen it, that the Richmond Times-Dispatch had a series by Larry Weekly early in February, 1959. You will certainly want to see the

Report of the Conference Before the Commission on Civil Rights in Nashville, 1959; I am sure your library has this.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Mailed separately:
- Civil Rights in the Nation's Capital: A Report on a Decade of Progress
- Erwin Knoll, The Truth About Desegregation in Washington's Schools
- Carl F. Hansen, Miracle of Social Adjustment: Desegregation in the Washington, D. C. Schools
- Carl F. Hansen, Addendum: A Five-year Report on Desegregation in the Washington, D. C. Schools
- Spearman & Meyer, Racial Crisis and the Press
- L-Reports 6, 16, 17
- Thermafax copies, news clips

January 5, 1960

Dr. E. B. Robert
Dean of Education
Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, La.

Dear Dean Robert:

Belatedly, I have read in the November 23rd issue of the Times-Picayune a report of the address given by you before the Louisiana Teachers' Association. The report was so interesting that I am writing to ask if you may have an extra copy of the address which you might send to us. If you do not have a copy to spare, we would be very grateful if you would lend us a copy which we would return promptly.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

January 5, 1960

Mr. Joseph Gross
1196 Converse Dr. N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Joe:

I wonder if you could return, as soon as convenient, the materials which I lent you. We are pinched a little, especially for the copy of the Commission on Civil Rights Report.

We remain interested in your memorandum whenever you may have it finished.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

January 5, 1960

Mr. Edgar A. Gossard, Editor
CONCERN
P. O. Box 871
Nashville 2, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Gossard:

I have just finished reading your excellent Christmas issue of CONCERN. We would be interested in seeing your publication regularly and wonder if you would care to exchange with us.

A copy of our latest issue of our monthly publication, NEW SOUTH, is enclosed for your consideration. We would appreciate it if you see fit to exchange with us.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec
Encl.

January 5, 1960

Mr. Harry J. Carman
Consultant
John Hay Whitney Foundation
630 Fifth Avenue
New York 20, New York

Dear Mr. Carman:

The continuing aid given by the John Hay Whitney Foundation to Mrs. M. E. Tilly's work with church women, under the sponsorship of the Southern Regional Council, has meant a great deal to the Council and to the South.

Since Mrs. Tilly has recently sent you a report of the Southwide Workshop and other activities of the "Fellowship of the Concerned" during 1959, I will forgo further details here. I speak for both the officers and the staff of the Council, however, in saying that we regard these activities as uniquely important to the progress of race relations in the region.

I use "uniquely" advisedly, for it would be impossible to duplicate the special quality of leadership which these thoughtful women are giving in their communities and states. This unique character applies, too, to the skills and experience which Mrs. Tilly brings to the direction of the program. She is loved and trusted by the people with whom she works in a way that few, if any, others are.

I hope this letter may be considered the Council's request for a renewal of the John Hay Whitney's grant of $2,000 toward support of the "Fellowship of the Concerned" in 1960. Please let me know if further information would be helpful to your consideration of this request.

With appreciation and kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

January 5, 1960

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Top Knot
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

A room has been reserved for you at the Piedmont for the night of Monday, January 25. Harold and I will look forward to meeting you there some time after 7:00 P. M.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

January 5, 1960

Mr. Vincent W. Allin
Program Specialist
Committee on Leaders and Specialists
American Council on Education
1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Allin:

We have arranged for Mr. John Keto to stay on campus at Atlanta University while in Atlanta. Reservations have been made for him at the graduate domitory, 50 Chestnut Street, S. W., Atlanta.

Unfortunately, Mr. Keto's visit, in addition to being largely over the weekend, will coincide with the mid-semester break at Atlanta University and the colleges of the A. U. System. However, we are hopeful that arrangements can be made to have persons from the School of Education meet with him. We will also attempt to have Mr. Keto visit appropriate sections of the public school system if he wishes.

Because of the lack of activities at Atlanta University, we are unable to confirm arrangements other than housing accommodations. Shortly, however, I will be in touch with you concerning any definite arrangements made as well as plans to have Mr. Keto met at the airport on his arrival.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

cc: Mrs. Helen Coulborn

January 5, 1960

Mr. Harry S. Jones
Executive Director
North Carolina Council on Human
Relations
121 E. Third Street, Rm. 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

In reply to your letter of January 4, I can tell you that there will be supplementary aid again in 1960. We have made no announcement of the fact, however, since we can as yet supply no information as to the amount that will be granted to each state council or as to any conditions that may attach to such aid. These questions will be considered by the SRC Executive Committee on January 26.

It is, of course, a pity that the contribution which makes this aid possible didn't come through earlier, so that we could have disposed of these decisions before the beginning of 1960.

Whatever the Executive Committee decides, it seems likely that all of the state councils will need to improve their fund-raising performance this year. Judging by past discussions, this may well be a condition of the supplementary grants-in-aid. But this is something we can talk about in a clearer atmosphere at the meeting of February 10-11. Meanwhile, all best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL January 5, 1960

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
Executive Vice-President
The Field Foundation, Inc.
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Max:

The paragraph on the Field Foundation grant in support of our voting survey is by no means too inflammatory. It's not only satisfactory from our viewpoint, but one of the most succinct and direct statements I have seen lately. Judging by this, your biennial report should raise a new standard for foundation reports.

The only question I have is about the use of the future tense, which suggests that most of the activity under the grant lies ahead. The reverse is, of course, true. But this may be in keeping with the style of the whole report; if so, disregard this comment.

The very best to you in 1960.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P. S. -- Several years ago, Frank Loescher (I believe) shared with me a copy of a speech you made on proper dealings with foundations. Since I am occasionally asked for advice on this question, I should like to re-read it. Do you still have a copy you could send me?

HCF

VIA AIR MAIL January 5, 1960

Mr. Wilton Dillon
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Wilton:

As an old hand at both hope and malaise, shadows and light, old porticos, and shores dimly seen, I would be pleased and privileged to meet with the trustees of the Phelps-Stokes Fund in April, if I should be asked.

I am delighted to hear that Rufus Clement is a new trustee -- a sound decision on both sides. But I feel it only fair to point out that Clement has had more than his share of opportunities to hear me wax analytical, analogical, anagogical, etc. But I leave such considerations to your and Fred Patterson's tender consciences.

Your expeditions projected for the coming year arouse my keenest envy. I will hope to see you in one of your rare state-side moments, if I can catch the right moment to be on the spur of.

Meanwhile, all the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL January 5, 1960

Miss Eleanor French, Director
Christian Social Relations
United Church Women
National Council of Churches
475 Riverside Drive
New York 27, New York

Dear Miss French:

It is good to hear from you now that you're in the thick of activities.

I am afraid that the possible sources I know of move much too sluggishly to be of help in connection with the NOW conference. When you are ready, however, to submit a full-blown program request to some potential donors, I'll be happy to make such suggestions and render such support as I can.

Notwithstanding my inability to help with the general problem of the moment, it may be that we can assist organizationally in the case of the Montgomery lady. I have mentioned this to Mrs. Tilly, who plans to be in touch with you further.

I look forward to seeing you, or at the least corresponding, again soon. Meanwhile, best wishes for 1960.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

January 6, 1960

The Rev. Aurelius Pinckney
Plymouth Congregational Church
1626 West Chestnut Street
Louisville 3, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Pinckney:

It was good to have your note of December 30. We are looking forward to your report. As Dr. Atwood has undoubtedly told you, we do request quarterly reports from state Councils on Human Relations as part of the arrangement under which we provide financial assistance to state groups.

I think it is time that you and I talked together about the good work you and the Kentucky Council are doing. I apologize for not having tried to meet with you before now. I would be happy to come to Louisville during the week of January 23 if this would be convenient for you. I could come most any time during that week, but just to have a date to talk about, would Tuesday the 24th be suitable? If that particular week would be difficult for you, I would suggest Monday, February 6.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

January 6, 1960

Sent to Canal Zone address. See letter

Mrs. Nettie Young Jones
709 N. Oakland Street
Arlington, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Jones:

It was good to hear from you recently. I envy you your seven months stay in Europe and your current visit to the Canal Zone. It is nice to know that you will be available for volunteer work. Such is always needed in our line of work, as you know.

I think it quite probable that your talents can be effectively used somewhere in the South. Will you be residing in Florida or do you wish to live anywhere in the South where conditions may be suitable and your services most needed? Let me hear from you further and I will be assessing the possibilities.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

January 6, 1960

The Rev. Dan Bowers
Virginia Council on Human Relations
3-B Broad-Grace Arcade Building
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Dan:

The AFSC representatives during the recent Interagency meeting again emphasized the need to work on the aspect of contact with white people in Prince Edward County. I know you have been working with them on this. They raised the point of someone who could go in and talk with some of the white community leaders there. I remember that some time ago I suggested to you that Ben Muse might be able to perform this this kind of function. Have you contacted Ben on this or would you like for us to do so? How have you decided to move o on a survey of the Centers?

We have received several inquiries here concerning the accreditation status of the private schools in Charlottesville, Front Royal, etc. We have checked again with the Southern Association of Secondary Schools and have been told that they have not been accredited by this organization. We are interested in knowing further if they have as yet made application for examination and accreditation by this Association. Such application would have to be made first through A. Gordon Brooks of the Department of Public Education in Richmond. If and when you can,check with his office and let us know.

Have you made contact with Earl Hall in Roanoke? He is or was active with the interracial groups there and teaches Sociology (?) at Hollins College. I think he might be a potential state board member and might be involved in Council activities.

Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

January 6, 1960

Mr. Irby B. Carruth
Superintendent of Schools
Austin, Texas

Dear Mr. Carruth:

Recently we distributed some paragraphs from a telecast interview of Mr. Omer Carmichael in which he discussed the effects of desegregation on academic work and standards in the Louisville schools. The series of reports, of which this is part, are sent principally to school superintendents throughout the South, and from many of them we have had a most appreciative response to the Carmichael statement. School men are of course above all concerned with the educational problems involved in desegregation. We are contemplating, therefore, another report to bring together further experiences with academic results and standards of school systems which have desegregated.

I wonder if you could dictate a few lines or a paragraph which would summarize your findings in Austin now that you have for some time been desegregated, and if you could give us permission to reproduce your remarks. Generally, the interest would be in whether the desegregation has adversely affected the academic levels of white children and whether it has required any alteration of academic standards.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

January 6, 1960

Mr. Wm. Henry Oliver
Superintendent of City Schools
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Oliver:

It has been gracious of you to acknowledge some of our recent materials sent to you; in particular we were pleased to know that you found Mr. Carmichael's statements interesting.

I wonder if you, as the superintendent of a school system which has been desegregated now for some time, have made findings on the matter which Mr. Carmichael was discussing in his telecast; that is, has desegregation adversely affected the scholastic performance of white children in your schools? has desegregation required any lowering of academic standards? You spoke briefly to this question during the hearings of the Commission on Civil Rights last year in Nashville.

We have learned that our series of L-reports is read attentively by a great number of school superintendents in the South, and we have found that they are especially concerned to have facts related to the educational problems connected with desegregation. The response, for example, to Mr. Carmichael's statement has been most appreciative. If you could summarize in a few lines or a paragraph the Nashville experience and would permit us to reproduce what you say, I am sure that it would be of great interest to many of your colleagues.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

January 6, 1960

Mr. Benjamin Muse
Box 312
Manassas, Virginia

Dear Ben:

I had the pleasure this morning of reading the first installment of The Rise and Fall of the Massive Resistance. We are eager for the remaining chapters. The manuscript seemed to me so finished that I doubt we shall have but few changes to suggest. The length may turn out to be a problem, but we can all discuss that better when you are here.

I never like to disturb the creative mood, but we do have another matter that needs your consideration. As we came up to the starting line for sending off letters to Northern businessmen, our misgivings about the tactic got more and more intense. Just to send off a letter and ask for an interview came to appear a pretty gauche procedure. Finally, Harold came up with what has come to seem to us a better, though more ambitious, idea. We need, of course, to get your reaction and if it is at all favorable we ought to plan some very heavy talk when you are down for the executive committee meeting. (I assume you are coming.)

The idea is that we would prepare a pamphlet, done as professionally as we know how, directed at Northern business with Southern investments and constituting a sort of primer of advice and helpful information for them. For our discussions here I roughed up a short outline which is attached. This is intended not to be definitive but only to indicate an approach. (Part two would be substantially longer than Part one). One additional thought that we had discussed is that the writing be commissioned; I am very dubious that we could find a qualified person, though Harold has somewhat more hope.

At any rate, what do you think of the idea? If we go into it this would mean no approach to Northern business until the pamphlet had been distributed. Then we could consider sending follow-up letters using the pamphlet as a basis for requesting an opportunity to discuss the problems and the point of view presented in it.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Enclosure: Responsibilities/Role of National Firms
Operating in South

Subject (not title): RESPONSIBILITIES/ROLE OF NATIONAL FIRMS OPERATING IN SOUTH

I. Discussion of magnitude of investments and operations

(Document with Bob Thompson's tabulations from Moodys. Get other material; e.g. analysis of Chamber of Commerce membership in two or three cities of the South; data on investments life insurance companies in Southern properties; general picture of small businesses - Northern owned - locating in South, especially rural South.)

II. Against this background, take up following issues

A. The Schools Controversy

(Include here analysis effects of controversy and closings on business. But also discuss relationship good schools to economic growth. Theme would be that business has responsibility and self-interest to put its weight in favor of open and improving public schools.)

B. Civil Rights

(Include here a summary of our Violence pamphlet, and discuss implications civic disorder for business stability.)

C. Employment

(SRC point of view, with appropriate documentation, on non-discriminatory employment.)

D. Economic Retaliation

(Discuss, with needed documentation, the possibility of boycotts against businesses which act contrary to community pressures. Include candid brief description of boycotts which have occurred - both white and Negro.)

E. Marketing

(Include here analysis Negro market, and suggest standards that ought to guide in dealing with it across the counter, and in advertising.)

F. Public Opinion (better term?)

(SRC point of view on attitudes and perspectives which men of influence should carry with them in shaping South of tomorrow.)

Pamphlet should be long enough to give evidence of our seriousness in publication (and also to permit sober presentation) and short enough to keep sustained interest: perhaps 5,000 to 7,500 words.

I would write the draft (but after finishing Next Steps). However, Ben Muse should be my collaborator in the sense that he would work over the draft thoroughly and in detail. In addition, because the venture would be somewhat novel, and would involve an articulation of SRC view in some particularity, might be advisable to ask Executive Committee in January to appoint an advisory committee to review what we come up with (for content, not style). I would suggest such persons as Carlyle, John Wheeler, Crossman, Thomas, Milton. Their names should appear in publication as "advisors to staff".

Distribution should be initially only to friends, press, and specially prepared list of national firms and their Southern branches.

January 6, 1960

Mr. Harold Regier
3003 Benham
Elkhart, Indiana

Dear Mr. Regier:

Since Mr. Via is no longer with the Southern Regional Council, Mr. Driedger's letter of December 18th has been called to my attention.

We will be happy to be of any possible service in assisting your group on their visit to Atlanta. The proposed dates of February 6 - 15, are convenient for us. When the group arrives, we can make suggestions as to places to visit, persons to see, etc. Some of this can be arranged ahead of time if you like.

As one possibility, I am sure the group would enjoy visiting Atlanta University. This is one of the South's outstanding centers of Negro eduacation and the group could profitably spend quite a bit of time there. Possibly, unless you have made other arrangements, the group could arrange to stay on the A. U. campus while in the city. Inquiries concerning a visit to the campus or using facilities there should be addressed to Dr. Rufus E. Clement, President, Atlanta University, Atlanta.

We will be happy to hear more of your plans as they are made.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

cc: Mr. Driedger

January 6, 1960

Mr. Richard L. Simpson
Research Associate
Institute for Research in Social
Science
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Simpson:

You are right in assuming that the list of SRC officers and members included in my letter of December 19th constitutes our permission for you to contact those whom you select in regard to your current study.

If we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

January 6, 1960

Professor Harry S. Manley
Millsaps College
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Harry:

Of course we were disappointed, but I can understand and respect fully your reasons for not undertaking a voting study in Mississippi. We don't have any plans for doing anything more about it at the present.

I hope you will keep in touch and, if we can be of help to you at any time, that you will please write. I am putting you on one of our mailing lists with the thought that you may find some of our stuff interesting.

Best wishes, and give my regards to Bowen.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

January 6, 1959

Office of Educational Activities
The New York Times
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:

We have a copy of your recent Current Affairs Publication, Integration vs. Segregation, and would like to inquire the cost or ordering reprints in the following quantities:

25 copies
50 copies
100 copies

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

January 7, 1960

Mr. R. E. Slayton, Superintendent
Longview Public Schools
Longview, Texas

Dear Mr. Slayton:

Thank you for your request for the two transcripts. We are mailing them under separate cover.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

January 7, 1960

Mr. George W. Oakes
734-15th Street N. W.
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Mr. Oakes:

Many thanks for sending us the clipping of your article on college integration in the South from the Washington Star. It seems to us to be a first-rate report. If we can help you with other of your assignments, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

January 8, 1960

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
Executive Vice-President
The Field Foundation
250 Park Avenue
New York, New York

Dear [redacted] Mr. Hahn:

This will acknowledge most appreciatively the Field Foundation's check for $12,500 representing the first semi-annual payment to the Council under the grant approved December 9, 1959. The Council's official receipt is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1. (Official receipt)

January 8, 1960

Dr. Raymond Wheeler
Doctors Building
1012 Kings Drive
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Ray:

For some time now, we have been conscious of the need for a really thorough-going examination of racial discrimination in medical care and facilities in the South. Under the direction of Les Dunbar, our research director, some exploratory interviews have been conducted with local health officials and hospital administrators.

Enclosed is a draft of the proposal that Les has come up with. As soon as we are agreed on the final form, we will submit it to one of the major foundations.

This is tricky and to some extent uncharted territory for us, and we are very much aware that no one on the staff has had any direct experience in the medical field -- except as rank-and-file consumers. Could you find time to read the proposal over and tell us, from your practical vantage point, whether it seems to make sense and in what respects you feel it might be improved?

We realize that some parts of the study -- notably the patient-doctor relationship -- aren't susceptible to exact measure. But Les and his advisers feel this is the heart of the matter and must be dealt with despite limitations on objective fact-finding.

We will greatly appreciate your comments and suggestions.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1. (Proposal on Medical and Hospital Services)

January 8, 1960

Mr. Thomas F. Pettigrew
Assistant Professor of Social Psychology
Harvard University
Emerson Hall
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

Dear Tom:

Thanks for your letter, and for the several articles you sent earlier. I've read your reports with interest and passed them along to Les Dunbar, our research director, as background for our hoped-for discussion this spring, or earlier.

We'd be delighted to have a New South contribution from you on the relationship of voting figures and demographic factors. Incidentally, some county-by-county figures for North Carolina (compiled by the N. C. advisory committee to the Civil Rights Commission, with the aid of Matthews of UNC) are available. If you haven't got them and have need of them, I believe we have a set.

As to the human relations councils, the best I can do at the moment is send you the enclosed list of executives and chairmen of the Southern state councils. Most of the local councils are associated with the state groups, and we are now making an effort to compile the names of the local chairmen; the problem is the frequent change of officers. I'll send you a copy when it is done.

The stereotype about us captive Southern liberals occurred to me too at our last meeting. But the stereotype is vitiated by the fact that Southern governors, college presidents, and industry-seekers clutter up New York offices more than we do. Added to which, I look toward the day when Yankee philanthropists will be our pawns, instead of vice-versa.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1. (List of State Groups)

January 8, 1960

Mr. James C. Evans
Civilian Assistant
Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Evans:

I hope you will forgive this belated acknowledgment of your welcome letter and enclosures of December 22. I read with great interest the People-to-People bulletins and the article in the Register. It is a pity that the latter was marred by the lower-case "n"; otherwise it was a useful and constructive article.

We are pleased that you feel our recent reports are helpful. We will be grateful for your comments and suggestions at any time.

Enclosed are copies of the Hansen and Carmichael transcripts. Both of them, and particularly Mr. Carmichael's comments, have attracted a gratifying amount of attention.

With best wishes for 1960 and kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/sm
Enclosures

January 8, 1960

Mr. Frank Loescher
United States-South Africa Leader
Exchange Program
346 East 46th Street
New York, New York

Dear Frank:

I have no personal acquaintance with any of the three Episcopal ministers suggested by Dr. Alexander, though I know two of them by reputation. Ferris of Nashville and Duncan of St. Petersburg are well regarded by our kind of folks and are also important religious leaders in their communities. I have heard that both have turned down appointments to bishop in order to continue their local ministries.

As this would suggest, both men are deeply involved in local activities, which would probably make them hard to get for a whole year. But I think you would be safe in trying.

Unfortunately, I know nothing about the Memphis man, but if you decide to give him a thorough check, I'm sure I could get some information from our

Tennessee friends.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P. S. -- For your information, I am to be in New York Thursday and Friday of next week. If I can shake loose from meetings long enough, I'll call you, as usual. I'm glad Nic felt his stopover here was enjoyable. His visit was pleasant from our point of view, and everybody who met him liked him.

HCF

January 8, 1960

Mr. David F. Freeman
Rockefeller Brothers Fund
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York

Dear Dave:

That was good news in your Christmas note.

I am looking forward to our next session and am hoping you can make the interagency meeting on January 19 - 20. By all means do it if you can.

There is a chance that I will be in New York for a day or two before then. If so, I will give you a call, as usual.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Added to N.S. mailing list

January 8, 1960

Mr. Robert J. Greene, Director
Central Seaboard Area
The American Jewish Committee
1012 - 14th Street, N. W.
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Mr. Greene:

I am glad to hear from you and to get acquainted, at least by mail. Sea Dad Routh has mentioned you to me more than once, in the most glowing terms.

You are quite right not to let modesty influence your selection of subject for the Florina Lasker seminar; this field is modest enough, financially and professionally, without the practitioners adding more of their own.

Enclosed are a couple of items on SRC that should give you as much as you will want to bother with. The first is a brief history, as inserted into the Congressional Record by Senator Douglas. The other is a recent report on program activities, prepared for our annual meeting and for non-public use among our board members and friends.

Of course, if this leaves you with unanswered questions related to your theme, you have only to call on me for as much more exposition as you need.

I am asking our circulation clerk to enter a New South subscription in your name; a bill for $2.00 will be along eventually.

Until our paths cross, all good wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Enclosures - 2.

via air mail special January 8, 1960

Mr. Herbert J. Blitz
Office of Senator Javits
United States Senate Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Herb:

Enclosed are such materials as we felt might possibly be of some help to you. At least quantity-wise, there's a great deal. Quality-wise the situation is somewhat different.

No states, so far as we know, have taken positive action to avoid federal action in the area of registration. Florida's Governor Collins has acted responsibly in attempting to correct the situation in several Florida counties as revealed by the Report of the Civil Right's Commission. This was not, however, an attempt to prevent further legislation; merely the act of a responsible public official. Only Alabama has taken action with the possible (likely) intent of further limiting Negro registration since the Commission's report.

There appeared, before the Commission's Report, a series of articles on Negro voting and registration in the Birmingham News beginning on February 15, 1959 and ending on March 8. The series is interesting and if the State of Alabama comes under particular scrutiny you might want to consult this local source.

On this request I feel we have been of little help, but hope you will call on us again.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures

Appropriate news clips on Negro registration and voting.

January 8, 1960

Miss Louise Young
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2001 Division Street
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Louise:

I am definitely planning to be at your Annual Meeting all day Saturday, which is the time you say I could be of most help. I am not sure that I will get to your Friday session, for the meeting here has been shifted from Saturday and Sunday to Thursday and Friday to involve me.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

January 8, 1960

Mr. Nat Griswold
Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

We had a note from Marion Wright this morning requesting that you make a hotel reservation for him the night of January 4. 2

Paul Rilling is in Detroit for a meeting this week-end but is, I think, planning to be with you also.

Sincerely,

Sarah Miller
Secretary to Paul Rilling

January 9, 1960

Miss Elizabeth Freeman
25 Park Street
New Haven 11, Connecticut

Dear Miss Freeman:

Enclosed are some informational pieces concerning the Council which might be useful for your paper.

We thank you for your interest in the Council; and if we can be of additional help, please let us know.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Luel E. Cummings
Secretary to the Director of Information
/lec
Encls.

January 10, 1960

Mr. Gene Paterson
1140 S. Spruce
Bozeman, Montana

Dear Mr. Peterson:

Enclosed is a copy of NEW SOUTH. The subscription to NEW SOUTH will entitle you to notification of other materials the Council publishes. Also enclosed is a materials listing which might be of interest to you.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encl.

✓ ~~Some~~/ Materials sent:

Graves

Desegregation: First Six Years
Fleming and Paschall's reprints
Action Patterns
L'Ville Story
Baltimore Story
Oct/Nov/Dec New South
Three Views
Changing Patterns

January 10, 1960

Mrs. Leslie W. Emary
116 Fernwood Drive
Rutherfordton, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Emary:

We are mailing you, under separate cover, some material to Mrs. Graves as you requested.

If we can be of additional aid, please let us know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

Materials sent:
- Desegregation: First 6 years
- Oct/Nov/Dec New South
- Harold Fleming's reprint
- Eliza Paschall's reprint
- A Man Had Two sons
- If the schools are closed
- Action Patterns

January 10, 1960

Mrs. Dora E. Revely
132 E. Main Street
Danville, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Revely:

Thank you for your interest in NEW SOUTH and the Council's other material.

We are mailing you, under separate cover, some material whick may be of interest to you and your group.

If we can be of additional help, please let us know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

January 10, 1960

Mr. Steve Ritzwolter
4009 Hartwood
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Mr. Ritzwolter:

We are mailing you, under separate cover, some material concerning the Southern Regional Council.

If we can be of additional help, please let us know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

Material sent:
   Changing South
   Congressional Record Reprint of SRC

January 10, 1960

via air mail

Mrs. George McCaskey
1526 Second Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mrs.McCaskey:

I was shocked when Vera Patton called me and told me you were inquiring about me as you had not heard from me. Then and there I vowed, I'd never use one of those little "Thank you" sheets of note paper again. They are just too small to expect delivery through the mails everytime.

Yes, the flowers--a pot of beautiful chrysanthemums--came about the time I reached home from Clark College. Mr. Tilly was so excited and happy that afternoon. When I have been away, even for one night, he welcomes me so graciously that it pulls on my heart strings. Then your flowers came and in a little while Rosa Page Welch came by and sang the songs he loves, ending with "The Lord's Prayer" and "God Bless This House." It all made a glorious afternoon. Who but you and Rosa Page would be so thoughtful. It touched me deeply. Before the day was over he asked me to write to both of you and tell you what a blessing you were to him.

You have had a time in New Orleans. We had Mrs. Sands with us Sunday evening.

Two wonderful young Negroes--a young lady and young man have enrolled at the University of Georgia. It has been an exciting time. The whole problem of school integration has been taken over by the courts and our legislature, in session, recognizes

Mrs. George McCaskey
-2-
January 10, 1961

this and may not even bother to repeal all those laws they have piled on Georgia's code.

Two thousand and more of the university students petitioned the Governor not to close the school. All over the State has come appeals from individuals and church groups--but the courts have taken it all in hand and the governor and the legislature are relieved of the responsibility. We hope this is the end of the controversy.

Thank you for your interest, your gift of the flowers and for being a friend. I prize your friendship.

May the New Year be full of good things for you and wonderful opportunities of service.

Lovingly,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/lec

P. S. The evening headline, "Vandiver (governor) Won't Defy Court; Twitty (house floor leader) Says Issue is Closed."

January 11, 1960

Miss Marie Siedentopf, Acquis. Libr.
Matthews Library
Arizona State University
Tempe, Arizona

Dear Miss Siedentopf:

Yes we published a pamphlet "Changing Patterns in the New South." Recently, we began offering this pamphlet and others free of charge to libraries. And so, we are mailing you, under separate cover, a copy of the pamphlet without charge.

Enclosed is a list of other materials in which you may be interested.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Enclosure

January 11, 1960

Mr. Benjamin Muse
Box 312
Manassas, Virginia

Dear Ben:

The two speeches are enclosed. This is our only copy of the Collins' address, and so I would like to have it returned. We have kept the original of the Daniels' speech, so you may retain one of the copies and send the other to Governor Collins.

As I said to you, I would not myself favor publishing the Daniels' speech alone, so will make no approach to him unless we have a favorable response from the Governor. I think it would be suitable, nevertheless, for you to say to the Governor that we want to print the two together if Mr. Daniels will consent; but it should be made clear to the Governor that we would like to print his whether or not Jonathan Daniels is willing to be included. In either case, we might consider requesting Mr. Dabbs to write a brief foreword.

One of the appeals of the Collins speech is that it raises the race issue only incidentally to the general problems of Southern development--which is what the Southern Regional Council, in its original statement of purpose, proposed to do.

As I told you, I believe the Collins-Daniels pamphlet will be a happy first number of the series of occasional pamphlets which I hope to launch and which will include the Donald Dewey piece on Southern manpower and C. H. Parrish's essay on urban problems. I visualize the series as having an over-all title with all the numbers appearing in the same format (somewhat along the lines of the Fund for the Republic's current pamphlet series). The distinguishing marks of these publications would be, as I see them, three:

1) The pamphlet would be of continuing value and interest over a considerable period of time.

2) It would be related to the deeper issues of race relations rather than to a controversy of the day; it would in other words define issues rather than simply react to issues.

3) It would embody some original research or distinctive thought.

Needless to say, we shall be anxious to hear the outcome of your letter to the Governor. If it is favorable, we can write to Daniels from here, unless you would prefer doing it as a follow-up to recent meetings with him.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Enclosures: Collins' speech
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returnning copy of Richmond Times-Dispatch

VIA AIR MAIL January 11, 1960

Dr. John A. Griffin
Florida State University
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear John:

There is no paperback or cheaper edition of Dabbs's book; however, we have copies on consignment which we can sell at wholesale -- 40% off, or $2.40 per copy. Let me know if this can help you.

I do hope you can make the executive committee meeting; it would be good to see you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

January 11, 1960

Mr. Francis Shane
United Steelworkers, AFL-CIO
1500 Commonwealth Building
Pittsburgh 22, Pennsylvania

Dear Frank:

Enclosed is a copy of my letter to President McDonald giving some report of 1959 and making our customary request for a renewed contribution this year. Your support, as always, will be deeply appreciated.

I hope our paths will cross often during the coming year.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

VIA AIR MAIL January 11, 1960

Mr. Sol Markoff
Director
New York Foundation, Inc.
61 Broadway
New York 6, New York

Dear Mr. Markoff:

For some time prior to the end of the year, I had hoped for a chance to discuss with you personally the Council's work in 1959 and our prospects for continued assistance from the New York Foundation.

Unfortunately, I have not had such an opportunity. And, with the turn of the year, I am sure I should not delay any longer in writing you.

In many ways, 1959 was a rewarding year for the Council. The turn of events in the South enabled our work to reach further than ever before into the main stream. As the conservative leadership of the Southern states finds itself face to face with the practical consequences of resistance to desegregation, there is new receptivity to the kind of services and information the Council offers.

Of course, the region as a whole is far from over the hump. The advance of legal pressures for desegregation into the "hard core" states of the Deep South protends a period of serious difficulties, perhaps even conflict. But, even here, the issue has become an immediate, practical one, which has to be faced; thus the opportunities for solid program effort, rather than mere prophecy or moral exhortation, have multiplied.

The Council's work in this changing climate is summarized in the enclosed report. During 1959, we departed from our usual practice of preparing an annual report early in the following year; instead, the enclosed report was prepared and distributed in anticipation of our Annual Meeting in November. Although a copy was sent to you routinely at that time, I feel it is appropriate to send another with this letter.

Our auditor is at work on the annual financial statement, which I shall forward as soon as it is completed and reproduced. Meanwhile, from the unaudited figures, I can report that we ended the year without a deficit -- thanks in no small part to the assistance of the New York Foundation.

If the timing is appropriate, I should like to submit out request for 1960 within the next week or so. I shall also hope for an early trip to New York that will enable me to see you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
(Enclosure - 1.)

VIA AIR MAIL January 11, 1960

Mr. Jack Clareman
Secretary
Christopher Reynolds Foundation
3040 Salmon Tower Building
11 West 42nd Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Mr. Clareman:

For some time prior to the end of the year, I had hoped for a chance to discuss with you personally the Council's work in 1959 and our prospects for continued assistance from the Christopher Reynolds Foundation.

Unfortunately, I have not had such an opportunity. And, with the turn of the year, I am sure I should not delay any longer in writing you.

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Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1. (Report of the Executive Director...)

Mr. Milton C. Rose
Secretary
William C. Whitney Foundation
20 Broad Street
New York 5, New York

January 11, 1960

Dear Mr. Rose:

This is to submit to the William C. Whitney Foundation the Southern Regional Council's request for renewed assistance in 1960, in the amount of $5,000.

Your confidence and help have been indispensable to the Council during these years of change and upheaval in the South. We do not want to seem to presume upon your continued interest in our work. But it is our hope that the Trustees of the Foundation share our view of the South as an area of critical importance, calling for sustained effort by an organization like the Council.

The Council's aim has been to work on more than an emergency basis, to build program that seeks lasting effects rather than merely improvising to meet short-run crises. Thus our program for 1960 in many respects will be continuous with the activities of the past year; it will be a question of extending the activities we have reported to you further and more effectively into the life of the region.

There are, however, various new directions and emphases that we feel the changing situation calls for in the coming year and which may be summarized as follows:

(1) Economic leadership. We have commissioned Professor Donald Dewey, respected Duke University economist, to prepare a report on Negro manpower utilization in the industrializing South. The object of this project is to awaken more Southern business leaders to the importance of incorporating Negroes fully into the work force. Also planned is an analysis of the stake which major American corporations have in orderly transition to desegregation in the South. This publication, it is hoped, can be followed up by face-to-face consultation with national executives of firms with Southern holdings. Several state and local councils on human relations, with SRC's assistance, will promote equality of opportunity in employment with private industries and government agencies in their areas during 1960.

(2) Medical care. Preoccupation with school desegregation has led to neglect of other areas of discrimination which may be attacked with better prospects of early results. One such area, vitally important to the individual and the family, is medical care. We hope to survey physician practices and hospital facilities in detail and to give the findings wide distribution and publicity. Our exploratory interviews with health and hospital officials have uncovered much interest in such a survey.

(3) The right to vote. SRC's pioneer fact-finding in this field has paid satisfying dividends. We plan next an examination of the literacy test -- now the main discriminatory device in the deep South. The results would have the same thorough public interpretation as our earlier investigations.

(4) The schools. Educational discrimination and desegregation will, of course, continue to demand major attention. We expect to supplement our regular staff resources this year with the part-time services of an able Southern school superintendent, J. J. Brewbaker of Norfolk, who retires in June. Mr. Brewbaker has given outstanding leadership in the desegregation of the Norfolk public schools and is known and respected by school men and public officials throughout the South.

In addition, we will continue to prepare and distribute the frequent reports directed to school administrators, editors, and other community leaders. One subject of special emphasis will be the evidence of sharply improved achievement by Negro pupils and teachers in desegregated situations.

It is essential that the negative image of the Negro as a hopelessly downgrading influence be counteracted by factual material disseminated through the press and through strategically distributed publications.

(5) Assisting other groups. SRC is increasingly looked to for guidance by religious, youth, and other special-purpose organizations in the South. We will devote an even larger proportion of staff time and resources to this purpose in 1960. Citizen groups committed to preserving public schools (by compliance with law) will, as last year, have high priority in our program. Added to our cooperation with existing agencies -- whose staff members we convene quarterly -- will be two new staffed efforts, the Episcopal Society for Cultural and Racial Unity and the National Student Association's Southern race relations project.

Of course, there will be no dimimution of our assistance, program and financial, to state and local human relations councils throughout the South. Within the next few weeks, we expect to bring together the personnel of these councils for joint planning.

This partial description of program plans for the coming year may suffice to indicate the variety and scope of the Southern Regional Council's opportunities in 1960. To carry out these plans as well as continuing aspects of its work, the Council must raise $49,000 not now committed or in hand. The enclosed financial analysis shows the general operating budget and expectable income from which this balance is derived.

If further information would assist in the consideration of our request, please call on me for it. Meanwhile, with appreciation and kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1. (Financial Analysis, 1960)

January 11, 1960

Mr. David J. McDonald
President
United Steelworkers, AFL-CIO
1500 Commonwealth Building
Pittsburgh 22, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. McDonald:

In sending you our customary report of the Southern Regional Council's work, it is a pleasure to note the contrast between the situation confronting the Steelworkers now as against last year at this time. You and your associates must take deep satisfaction in the hard-won victory for the Union.

The gains for civil rights in the South have been less decisive, but as we have tried to show in the enclosed report, there has been some notable forward movement in this area. The report, a copy of which was sent to you routinely some time ago, will serve also as a summary account of the Council's activities during 1959. We are, as always, proud and grateful for the friendship and support of the Steelworkers in this effort.

Our annual audit is in preparation; a copy will be sent to you as soon as it is completed. Meanwhile, I can report that the Council ended the year without a deficit -- thanks to the generosity of those like yourself who share our view of the critical importance of extending democracy to all citizens, in the South no less than elsewhere.

We foresee a year of momentous developments as the pressures for school desegregation pose urgent, practical choices in two of the "hard core" states of the Deep South. It gives us a special sense of pride that in our headquarters city, Atlanta, much of the local leadership and many rank-and-file citizens are uniting for compliance with law and preservation of the public schools; this, of course, against the most formidable political odds. While our organizational concern is equally great for other difficult areas of the South, the Council has special opportunities to give guidance and help to these positive efforts in Georgia.

On several occasions during 1959, I have had the pleasure of participating in meetings and planning sessions with Frank Shane. I look forward to further association with him, and hope as well that there may be an opportunity soon for me to talk with you personally about our common concerns.

Meanwhile, on behalf of the Southern Regional Council, this is to express our deep appreciation for the past support of the United Steelworkers of American and our hope that we may count on the Union's annual contribution of $1,000 again this year.

With good wishes and kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

cc: Mr. Francis Shane
bcc: Paul Christopher
E. T. Kehrer

January 11, 1960

Via Air Mail

Mr. James R. Noland
Executive Secretary
Church Welfare Bureau
Council of Churches of Greater Houston
9 Chelsea Place
Houston 6, Texas

Dear Jim:

Thank you for the material on Goliad. It will be most helpful here. If you receive any word as to the present status of the 15 children, whether or not they are receiving schooling, let me know.

We need to know fairly soon your reaction to the suggestion that Senator Javits might speak in Texas sometimes in January or February. What is your thinking on this?

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

January 12, 1960

Professor Rupert B. Vance
Institute for Research in Social Science
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Professor Vance:

We are grateful to you for your letter of January 11 and we have written to Dr. Johnson as per the enclosure. I want to thank you, too, for your earlier letter with its mention of Dr. Brooks. That we have written to Dr. Johnson instead is due to your enthusiastic recommendation and to his most interesting position. Now we can only hope that something will come from this and, if it does, we shall be even more in your debt.

Somewhat to my dismay, I find that you apparently are not on any of our mailing lists. Though I don't want to burden you with more material than I suspect you already get now from too many sources, it does not seem right that such an old friend of the Council is escaping our distribution net. So I have taken the liberty of asking that a few things be sent to you and that you be included in future mailings.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Mailed separately:
- L-reports, 1-13
- Intimidation, Reprisal and Violence
- If the Schools Are Closed...
- The Negro and the Ballot in the South
- Background Report on School Desegregation in 1959-60
- Housing for Negroes in Atlanta

January 12, 1960

Dr. Prynce Hopkins, Chairman
Hopkins Charitable Fund
1920 Garden Street
Santa Barbara, California

Dear Dr. Hopkins:

Thank you so much for your letter of January 7. It is especially timely and helpful, since I have been intending to write and inquire about the propriety of the Southern Regional Council's submitting another application.

We understand, of course, that your letter is not to be construed as any indication of the outcome of our request.

I shall see that you receive our application before the end of this month, in order that it may be considered by the March meeting. Meanwhile, with kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

January 12, 1960

Mrs. Arthur W. Mitchell
1006 South Rolfe Street
Arlington, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Mitchell:

Your letter and the enclosed check were much appreciated.

We shall see that both you and Judge Yancey receive New South and other publications of the Council.

I remember pleasantly our meeting of some years ago, and hope you will visit the Council's offices again if you have occasion to come to Atlanta.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

January 12, 1960

Dr. Elmer H. Johnson
Assistant Director of Prisons
State of North Carolina
Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Dr. Johnson:

At the suggestion of Dr. Rupert Vance I am writing to you in regard to an issue of common interest.

We are concerned with making some contribution, if we can, to a better, more informed general understanding of Negro crime. The best way, perhaps, of doing this would be through a pamphlet which, properly distributed, could be expected to help newsmen, ministers, public officials and other opinion leaders to discuss the subject in a valid perspective.

The obstacles to doing this have been our difficulty in locating a person with the competence and interest to handle the question (and Dr. Vance's referral ends that problem, as far as we are concerned); and the apparent inconclusiveness of the scientific data on crime causes and incidence. The fact is that some matters do and some don't lend themselves to pamphlet presentation. A pamphlet, if it is to be effective, has to have a certain firmness in its findings, a certain neatness of analysis and conclusions; to use a metaphor, it has to be a sort of tool kit which people can draw upon as need be: if the findings are too tentative, people don't know how to use them. To be a mite concrete myself, I would say that Table 2 in Porterfield's and Tolbert's study in Vance and Demerath, The Urban South, is good pamphlet material. So are some of the census tract comparisons which the Citizens Crime Committee of Atlanta has done. On the other hand, we do not think the highly simplified primers of "Do's" and "Don'ts," usually illustrated with abstract sketches, are very useful.

It was my thought, therefore, that we might begin by having a scholar prepare for us a memorandum which would enable us to make publication plans. In an earlier letter to Dr. Vance, I mentioned three things such a memorandum might, without elaborate documentation, do:

- summarize the presently accepted conclusions as to the principal causes of crime, with some special attention to the importance of social and economic factors;
- summarize the presently accepted conclusions and (if any) scientific disagreements about the relation of race and crime;
- in reference to the objective of understanding the high Negro crime rate, indicate what are the principal inadequacies (if any) of present data or theory.

I am not wedded to this approach. What we would like to do is to ascertain your interest in this undertaking. If it is favorable, we would like to invite your participation in planning with us a subsequent publication, to give us your ideas and suggestions.

I do think that a good way to start would be for you to write in either a long letter or a short memorandum which in a general way would indicate what are the areas of knowledge regarding Negro crime which will permit more or less definitive conclusions (what, in other words, we can tell people). If you would be willing to do this, I think we should reimburse you for it separately in advance of an author's commission for a pamphlet if we succeed in getting to that point. Would $50.00 be an acceptable honorarium for the memo, or would you prefer working out a per diem arrangement?

Dr. Vance's letter encouraged me to write at this length. I hope it may lead to a fruitful partnership. Because you may not be familiar with our publications, I am sending two under separate cover.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
CC: Rupert B. Vance
Mailed separately:
The Negro and the Ballot in the South
If the Schools Are Closed...

January 12, 1960

Miss Elizabeth M. Eddy
88 Morningside Drive
New York 27, N. Y.

Dear Miss Eddy:

Enclosed are the data you requested--at least all of it that we are able to supply. I hope this will be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Enclosure: Population statistics,
selected Southern cities

January 12, 1960

Via Air Mail

Miss Jean Fairfax
American Friends Service Committee
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

Dear Jean:

I understand that the Congress of Negro Women is holding a Consultation on the Prince Edward County situation this coming Saturday in Washington. A number of organizations have been invited including, I understand, yours, but not ours. The meeting will be held at the Post House from ten until five. The letters are signed by Doris Height. Perhaps the letter to AFSC has already reached your desk. Will Campbell called this morning about some other matters and mentioned this. A letter came to his national office and was referred to him. He cannot conveniently go, but might do so if urged. For obvious reasons it would be very helpful to have some overlap in personnel between the two consultations.

I am expecting to receive additional information on Prince Edward including the reaction of local people by the Interagency meeting. Walter Daniel seemed reasonably certain this could be procured. I had not thought it necessary to invite any of the Richmond people to the meeting. It seems too bad to spend money to bring people for just a portion of the meeting. I thought by that time you and I ought to be able to handle the situation.

Harold is going to New York this week. I am going to consult with him about Prince Edward before he leaves. Judging from past conversations, however, I think he would not feel free to press the matter with the anonymous donor until some specific plan were ready. I do think it important that we draft a specific plan of approach and financial estimate quickly, at least by January 19. Perhaps this has already been done as a result of your Washington meeting.

I do not believe that it would be really necessary for you to visit Prince Edward Councy prior to January 19. You are working yourself hard on this project and I think can be of more service in the short time available in contacting people and preparing the project proposal.

The last time you raised the question about the schools, I wrote to a prominent Catholic layman on our Board, asking his advice in getting this information. He never replied to my inquiry. I will follow up. I am trying to check with Berea College but have no personal or agency contact there. If necessary, I will work by telephone through the Kentucky Council.

I guarantee you that the Prince Edward subject will be on the agenda at the Interagency meeting.

Sincerely (!!)

PMR

January 12, 1960

Via Air Mail

Mrs. Moise Cahn
Forty Versailles Boulevard
New Orleans 15, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Cahn:

Condolences on the runoff election. I was happy to get your letter of the 6th, indicating that you are getting ready to come out in the open. You seem to be following quite closely the timetable the group agreed to originally.

We do not know of any organization past or present which has been named SOS. The group here used SOS as a slogan for awhile, but dropped the name in favor of HOPE which they thought would be more optimistic and less "hysterical" than SOS. So far as I know, you should feel perfectly free to use the name if you think it would serve well to attract support.

Mr. Dabbs would make a fine speech to your group if you wish to invite him. As I suggested before, I think a group such as yours should carefully consider any public identification with frankly pro-desegregation forces. Mr. Dabbs, as you know, is president of the Southern Regional Council which has taken a public position on the desegregation of public facilities.

I will be going to Houston for a workshop Saturday, February 13. If any purpose would be served, I could stop off on my return the 14th or 15th.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

January 13, 1960

Via Air Mail

MEMORANDUM To: Dr. Walter Daniel
Dean Thomas Henderson

From: Paul Rilling

We are hoping to get some further information on the Prince Edward situation soon. The regular Interagency Meeting of Southern groups concerned with human relations will take place January 19 and 20, and this situation will be on the agenda.

We need answers to the questions indicated in my memorandum of December 23, and we need quite soon some reaction from local leadership in Prince Edward before we can approach foundations, etc. You will notice that Jean Fairfax raised some additional questions in her memorandum of January 11.

Send me what you can by January 19. Feel free to call me if time is a factor.

PMR/sm

January 13, 1960

Mr. John Wheeler
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

Nat Griswold of the Arkansas Council advises me that he is arranging for you to come to Little Rock in early February to work with Negro leadership there as a community organization consultant. This seems to us to be a very excellent idea and one which should be of considerable service in that troubled situation.

We thought that the easiest way to handle expenses connected with this effort would be through the regular SRC Consultant Service Program. This is certainly a legitimate use of the program and will spare the Arkansas Council the cost. Under the Consultants program, your expenses and $40 per diem honorarium will be paid through this office.

I know that all concerned appreciate your being willing to take on this extra burden.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm
cc: Nat Griswold

January 13, 1960

Via Air Mail

Mr. Richard P. Thomsen
Southern Association of Independent Schools
Episcopal High School
Alexandria, Virginia

Dear Mr. Thomsen:

We are interested in securing a list of the independent schools in the South and border states, if one is available. We are also interested in learning, if possible, which schools serve white students, which are for Negroes and which accept both. This information is not for publication.

We have received inquiries from a few of the parents whose children are out of school in Prince Edward County and elsewhere because of the current school crisis. Most of the children involved are Negro. They represent various religious faiths and have shown some interest in looking into the possibility of private school enrollment.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

January 13, 1960

Via Air Mail

Mrs. James S. Crate
8510 Ferris Street
Houston 35, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

I plan to come to Houston on February 13, to sit in on the workshop that ~~a~~ your group is planning for that day with the assistance of the SRC Consultant Service Program. It just occurred to me that it might be useful for me to stay over in Texas a few days if there is any contact work I might do. I will not make plans to stay over unless I hear from you, but if you believe it would serve any purpose for me to meet with one or more of the local groups affiliated with the Texas Council, I will be happy to do so.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

January 13, 1960

Via Air Mail

Dr. Merrimon Cunninggim
Dean, Perkins School of Theology
Southern Methodist University
Dallas, Texas

Dear Dean Cunninggim:

During our recent Annual Meeting in Atlanta, you indicated to me that you hoped to take some initiative in organizing a Human Relations Council in the Dallas area. You suggested at that time that we might be of some assistance in this effort. I will be coming to Houston for a workshop, Saturday, February 13. I will be happy to come to Dallas before returning to Atlanta if your plans are far enough along that this would have any particular value. If not, I am sure there will be other opportunities.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

January 13, 1960

Mr. James F. Redmond
Superintendent
Orleans Parish School Board
703 Carondelet Street
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Redmond:

We are mailing you today the requested twelve copies of our pamphlet, If the Schools Are Closed.... There is no charge.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

January 13, 1960

Miss Barbara W. Moffett
Secretary
Community Relations Program
American Friends Service Committee
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Barbara:

We are glad that Jean will be at the meeting next week, but sorry for the conflict.

We will have the dates of the Community Relations Committee on hand and will see that there's no repetition next time -- that is, assuming a date earlier than May is set for the subsequent meeting.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

January 13, 1960

Dr. W. E. Garnett
Blacksburg,
Virginia

Dear Dr. Garnett:

I appreciated your sending me a copy of the communication sent to members of the General Assembly, and I hope you will continue to keep me posted on the progress of your efforts.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

January 13, 1960

Mr. J. Ray Shute
P. O. Box 24
Monroe, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Shute:

I greatly appreciated your letter and the copy of your article "The Square Root of One." I am this long in replying only because of the time required for your manuscript to circulate among other members of the staff.

John Constable, who is responsible for New South, feels, as I do, that the article is a fine and provocative -- if somewhat spine-chilling! -- statement of the ethical man's dilemma. He points out correctly, however, that the subject is far beyond New South's modest scope as a race relations publication. We are returning the manuscript with the hope that we can later persuade you to write something equally thought-provoking in the Council's special area of concern.

I am very glad we had a chance to read the article; it gives me added reason to look forward to meeting you. If your return trip from Mexico should bring you and Mrs. Shute anywhere near Atlanta, do plan to stop over and pay us a visit.

If that isn't possible, I will hope for another early opportunity to meet you, either here or in North Carolina. Meanwhile, my best regards and good wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Encl. - 1.

January 13, 1960

The Rev. Robert Hughes
Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 1218, Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Bob:

After considerable examination of Father Foley's proposals, Paul and I have come to the following general conclusions:

1. The proposals represent the kind of bold new approach to the problem that we should all be constantly considering. We tend too much to plow the same furrows year in and year out. We hope that there can be some implementation of some of the very provocative ideas suggested.

2. We feel, however, that in its present form, the proposal is too large and ambitious in concept and in budget to be a realistic possibility for the Alabama Council. It has been our general experience that foundations temper their giving to the size of the recipient agency. In other words, we think it unlikely that a foundation would donate a sum sufficiently large to put the entire project into operation, to an agency with a one-man staff and a central budget of $12,000 to $15,000 a year. We would also question very strongly a project budget providing for a communications expert who would be paid more than the Director of the Alabama Council.

3. We are particularly impressed as are evidently some of your own leadership with the plans for special mailings to key individuals and groups in the state. It would also be quite useful we should think if certain

vital and important publications could be reprinted in the state, as was suggested in Method #7. The idea of a series of news releases and special materials geared to editorial writers, etc. (Method #5) has proven quite useful and worthwhile in SRC's own operation.

4. We are much less convinced of the practicality of those parts of the project that contemplate the use of radio, TV and newspaper advertising. The amount of money needed would be tremendous, yet the saturation effect would be relatively slight in each area. We would also question whether specific attitudes or ideas in human relations can be marketed through newspaper ads and radio jingles. I would respect Father Foley's judgment on such matters but still have considerable doubts, based on my own observations and experience.

5. I think the SAVE idea is catchy and potentially useful. I am not too sure that the blanket approach involving education, voting, economics etc. under the SAVE label would be the best possible tactics. It seems to us that you ought to carefully consider the possibility of reserving the SAVE idea for a one-shot stand on keeping open the public schools, after the pattern of the Women's Education Committee in Little Rock and the Public School Committee in Virginia.

6. I think I would at this time recommend a more modest, scaled down program request, something in the neighborhood of $6,000 per year and providing for only part-time staff assistance. I think that such a proposal would have a stronger chance of favorable action on the part of foundations. We would be happy to do all we could to support such a project request should the Alabama Council wish to submit a proposal along these lines. If successful, the project could and no doubt would grow in size and support.

7. If the Alabama Council disagrees with some of the above thoughts and still wants to carry out some of the radio and TV aspects of the program, we would suggest a partial effort aimed at a city or a small geographical area so that the results could be evaluated before too much money is committed.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/sm

January 13, 1960

Dr. Philip S. Barba
Chairman, Program Committee
White House Conference on Children
and Youth
330 Independence Avenue, S. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Dr. Barba:

I am happy to accept your invitation to partici-page in a panel discussion of "The Youth with Social Handicaps" on March 29. Any additional information you may give me concerning the session and my part in it will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

January 13, 1960

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1400 Main Street, Room 605
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I am afraid the delay in your check this quarter was in my office. The report came in with your letter last Thursday as I was on my way to Detroit. I was therefore not able to process your check until early this week. My apologies.

I very much regret having missed coming to Columbia last Sunday. As I told you, we did not get the letter until last Thursday. I do hope that I can come later this month.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

VIA AIR MAIL January 13, 1960

Mr. David F. Freeman
Rockefeller Brothers Fund
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York

Dear Dave:

By mutual agreement, I have been sending Harry Meserve copies of Ben Muse's field reports and other evidences of the workings of the Leadership project. Of course, I want to continue to do this -- in fact, more so -- now that we're working together.

Here is an interesting report on Muse's interview with Hodges of North Carolina. If you aren't familiar with the Yancey County situation, we'll brief you next week.

After due consideration, we decided it was simpler for you to put up at the A. U. dormitory, 50 Chestnut Street. The meeting will take place Tuesday in the dining hall in that building.

Hope I'll be getting your plane schedule -- just so we will know.

Until Tuesday, all best

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
63 Auburn Ave., N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

MEMORANDUM January 13, 1960

To: Jane Lee Eddy
Taconic Foundation, Inc.

From: Harold C. Fleming

Re: **Southern Urban Leagues.**

As you requested, this is to bring you and Stephen Currier up to date on the Southern Urban Leagues as potential applicants to the Taconic Foundation.

(1) You will recall our luncheon conversation with Stephen Currier, Lloyd Garrison, and John Simon, in which I was asked about Southern organizations that needed funds to realize more of their potential. I cited the Southern Urban Leagues as a notable example -- especially considering the financial reprisals many of them have suffered.

(2) In our subsequent discussions, it was understood that applications from Southern Leagues would be considered, like any others, on their merits.

(3) On my return south, I talked with Charles Steele, executive of the Louisville Urban League who happens to be a member of the Southern Regional Council's board. I told Steele that he ought to consider submitting a request to Taconic, and that he might want to pass this suggestion along to the other Southern Leagues -- which he subsequently did. I made it clear to Steele that this was a possible source I had encountered in my own activities, and that I was merely passing along an informal suggestion as one Southern staffer to another.

(4) Since Steele used my name in talking with other Southern League executives, I later received letters from several of them. Enclosed is a copy of the reply I sent in each case.

(5) M. T. Puryear and Clarence Coleman -- whose duties as NUL regional staff include counselling these Leagues on fund-raising -- are aware that the suggestion

was made. They are glad, when asked, to assist any of the local Leagues in formulating their requests to Taconic or any other appropriate foundation.

(6) As matter now stand, you may expect requests from some or all of the ten Southern Urban Leagues.

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

January 13, 1960

Mr. E. W. Richter
Purdue University
LaFayette, Indiana

Dear Mr. Richter:

I find to my embarrassment that I failed to acknowledge the transcripts of your broadcasts on the American Negro. The series was truly a first-rate job, and I am pleased to have had some small part in it. The widespread use of the broadcasts is indication enough of the quality of the work you and your associates did.

I have circulated the manuscript among our own staff; we can learn much from it.

If you should prepare further such programs, whether drawing on my comments or not, I will appreciate copies.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

January 14, 1960

Via Air Mail

Miss Jean Fairfax
American Friends Service Committee
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

Dear Jean:

I believe that my note of January 12 covers most of the things that I would normally say in reaction to your memorandum of January 11.

I am glad that you will be present at the meeting in Washington Saturday. I fully agree with you that a proposal or proposals should be in pretty good form as soon as possible. It would seem to me that the special reading project suggested by Gregory should be a separate package from the Christian Citisenship Program. I think it would help our efforts to solicit support for the Citizenship Program if we could locate a qualified individual who would be available for this work.

It seems to me rather optimistic to hope that a February to June special reading project could be set up by mid-February of this year, but this doesn't mean we shouldn't try.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

P. S. Lee Coleman sent the enclosed bulletin from one of the major correspondence schools.

January 14, 1960

Mr. Harry Fleischman
National Labor Service
Institute of Human Relations
165 East 56th Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Fleischman:

Mr. Fleming, who is away from the office, has requested that I inform you we can use 5,000 copies of the flyers of your book. They should carry the imprint and address of the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

January 15, 1960

Miss Osceola A. Dawson
West Kentucky Vocational School
1400 Thompson Avenue
Paducah, Kentucky

Dear Miss Dawson:

The enclosed envelop came in the mail with nothing enclosed. We wonder if the information was inadvertently left out.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec
Encl.

January 15, 1960

Mr. Roland T. Heacock
Staffordville, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Heacock:

The person to whom you refer in your letter of January 12, 1960, is Mrs. M. E. Tilly of our staff. Her given name is Dorothy. Mrs. Tilly has been working in this field a number of years and is now Director of Women's Work of Southern Regional Council. Enclosed is a biographical sketch of Mrs. Tilly.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encl.

January 15, 1960

Mr. David Franke
2405 - 37th Street, N. W.
Washington 7, D.C.

Dear Mr. Franke:

The report which you requested in your letter of January 12, 1960, is out of print. Hpwever, we are enclosing a copy of NEW SOUTH which carried a condensation.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encl.

January 15, 1960

Dear Margaret and Emory:

The staff of SRC joins me in expressing sincere thanks for your generous contribution of $50.00, for which I am enclosing an official receipt.

Your contribution helps SRC get off to a good financial start for the current year.

Best wishes from all here to you both and David.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth House Alexander
Secretary-Treasurer

Enclosure

Mr. and Mrs. Emory F. Via
465 Orchard Drive
Madison 5, Wisconsin

January 15, 1960

Mrs. H. M. Perry
Administrative Secretary
Race Relations Department
Fisk University Office
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Perry:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from Mr. Galen R. Weaver asking us to bill the Board of Home Missions for materials he requested. Perhaps, we should have mailed the bill directly to Mr. Weaver rather than sending it directly to Nashville. If you would prefer us to do so, please let us know.

The copies were shipped directly to Mr. Weaver in New York.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/bec
Encls.

January 15, 1960

Via Air Mail

Miss Helen Fuller
Managing Editor
The New Republic
1244 19th Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Miss Fuller:

Harold Fleming is out of the office this week. He felt you might need the data on Atlanta fairly quickly and asked me to reply to your request.

I hope the enclosed memorandum will provide the information you need.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm
Enc.

ATLANTA SCHOOL CRISIS

Time is running out on Georgia's efforts to resist the impact of the Supreme Court's decision of 1954. Federal District Court Judge Frank A. Hooper has approved a desegregation plan for the City of Atlanta. He may order the plan placed in operation by the fall school term of 1960.

Resistance laws passed by the General Assembly of Georgia in 1956 provide that if any public school in the state proceeds with desegregation,the Governor shall cut off state educational assistance for that school. At the opening of the 1960 session of the General Assembly, January 11, Governor Ernest Vandiver, in an impassioned speech, vowed to enforce the school closing statutes.

Pressure is building up in the Atlanta area to seek changes in state law to permit local communities to meet federal court orders as they may wish. Judge Hooper made it clear that he is delaying his final desegregation order to permit the legislature to act in the current session. Atlanta's desegregation plan as approved by the Court is contingent on the enactment of permissive legislation.

For the first time since the 1954 decision there is open disagreement among the white population of Georgia concerning the school issue. The state is in the throes of a Great Debate and political and civic leadership is divided. The Moment of Truth has come to the deep South.

The specifics of the situation are roughly as follows:

1. In January, 1958, Atlanta Negroes filed a suit in federal district court seeking desegregation of the city's 134 schools. In July, 1959, Judge Hooper enjoined the Atlanta Board of Education from "requiring or permitting" racial segregation. He also ordered the Board to submit a desegregation plan by December. The Board submitted a plan for a grade a year desegregation beginning in the 12th grade. The Atlanta plan has many features of the Alabama Pupil Placement law. On December 30, Judge Hooper approved the Atlanta Plan with minor modifications.

2. Judge Hooper approved the inclusion in the Atlanta Plan of a provision making application of the plan contingent on legislative passage of permissive statutes. Under present state law, state funds are cut off from any desegregated school. The Constitution of Georgia requires segregated educational facilities. In the course of his December 30 ruling, Judge Hooper stated, "It was, and is, the feeling of the court that the people of Georgia through their chosen representatives in the Legislature should be allowed to make the important decision as to whether they would prefer the closing of their schools on the one hand, to the gradual desegregation of the schools on the other hand, pursuant to the plan under consideration."

3. Since last July, and increasingly since December, sentiment has been building in favor of the adoption of local option legislation by the General Assembly. Most of the push for new legislation has come from the Atlanta area, from the metropolitan counties of Fulton and DeKalb. The debate has become statewide in recent weeks, however. The plan of the Atlanta School Board has won open support from the Atlanta Board of Aldermen and from Atlanta Mayor William B. Hartsfield. Pleading for freedom from state school closing laws, Mayor Hartsfield has declared, "we are in the grip of an all-powerful, rurally dominated state machine...."

No white leaders or groups in Georgia are supporting school desegregation but many are taking a stand in favor of uninterrupted public education even at the cost of some desegregation. There have been statements supporting this position from groups of clergymen, educators, scientists, physicians, and parents. A citizens' organization known as HOPE (Help Our Public Education) has come into being to rally mass support for continued public schools. Based in Atlanta, led by an attractive housewife and mother, Mrs. Thomas M. Breeden, HOPE has chapters throughout the state and claims the pledged support of 30,000 Georgians.

Other state-wide groups supporting this position include the Georgia Council of Churches, the state chapter of the United Churchwomen, Active Voters (a state-wide good-government political group), the state chapter of the American Association of University Women, the Council of Jewish Women, the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, the Georgia League of Women Voters, and the Georgia Association of B'nai B'rith Lodges.

4. Governor Vandiver continues to take an uncompromising stand. He states that he will recommend no new laws and he promises to invoke the state laws providing for closure of any desegregated school. In his State of the State message to the opening session of the General Assembly, the Governor said, "We are going to resist - and - we are going to resist again and again and again. We will exhaust every legal means and remedy available to us. And when I say, every legal means and remedy, I mean every legal means and remedy. For the children of Georgia! For our heritage! For our fathers!"

5. An effort will be made in the current legislative session to revise or repeal the school closing statutes. Fulton County (Atlanta) Representative M. M. (Mugsy) Smith is sponsoring legislation that would set up a state-wide pupil placement plan. DeKalb County (Atlanta and Decatur) Representative James Mackay is pushing a "Parents Choice" amendment to present laws which would stipulate that the Governor could not cut off state support of desegregated schools unless and until a

majority of the parents of children in the schools affected voted in favor of school closure.

Governor Vandiver seems to be in firm control of the rurally-dominated General Assembly. There seems to be little hope for legislative passage of any local option laws or pupil placement plans.

Informed predictions are that there will be no new legislation at all or that the General Assembly will authorize the appointment of a special study commission to recommend possible legislation at a future date. Although the Governor has not openly supported the commission proposal it has won the public backing of House Speaker George L. Smith, Rep. Frank Twitty, administration floor leader in the House; and Sen. Carl Sanders, administration Senate floor leader. The League of Women Voters has sponsored the appointment of a study commission "to report to the 1960 session of the General Assembly."

The chances are that if such a commission is appointed it would be authorized to report back to the legislature by October or even next spring, 1961, in any event after the opening of the September, 1960, school term. Some segregationist leaders hope that the establishment of a study commission would be accepted by Judge Hooper as a good-faith effort and that in such case the Judge would delay his final desegregation order until a later time.

6. Political factors are very much in the background of the school desegregation controversy. Governor Vandiver is closely associated with Georgia's two U. S. Senators, Richard B. Russell and Herman E. Talmadge. He is often considered as heir-apparent to Russell's senate seat. Sen. Russell must run for re-election this year. All members of the General Assembly, too, must stand for re-election this fall.

January 18, 1960

Miss Elizabeth M. Eddy
Butler Hall
88 Morningside Drive
New York 27, New York

Dear Miss Eddy:

Apparently our letters crossed in the mail. I trust that by this time you have received the population figures which we were able to send you.

I do not know of any research done or in progress on sectionally mixed marriages; with everything being done, especially by psychologists and sociologists in the universities, it is very hard to keep track of the many interesting aspects of study. Your observations about the four different marriage patterns are most interesting; why don't you do something more with them?

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

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January 18, 1959

Mr. John R. Larkins
Consultant
State Department of Public Welfare
Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Mr. Larkins:

We acknowledge receipt with many thanks of your study of Negro leadership in North Carolina. I have read it and passed it on to others here. It seemed to me to be an excellent job, from which I have learned much. You are to be congratulated on it.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

January 18, 1960

Mr. Benjamin Muse
Box 312
Manassas, Virginia

Dear Ben:

You probably noticed at the end of L-13 (the excerpts from Mr. Carmichael's telecast) that I issued an invitation for recipients to write requesting copies of the full telecast, as well as the earlier Hansen telecast. Part of my reason for doing this was simply to test how much response we would get. L-13 was sent out on December 15 and, although it is likely that we should get further requests, the results up to now have been rather disappointing; on the other hand I have no experience by which to judge how much response to something of this kind would be considered good response. I thought you would be interested in knowing of this. L-13 was not sent to the Chamber of Commerce list; even so, and not counting the mailing to our board, we sent out 1,270 copies. Twelve letters (about 1% of the mailing) were received asking for copies of the transcript. In addition, the CIO asked for 100 copies of L-13, and the Field Foundation asked for five extra copies of L-13. The twelve constitute a fairly interesting list--they have been as follows:

Superintendent of Schools, Jackson County, Fla.
Education Editor, The New Republic
Superintendent of Schools, Longview, Texas
Faculty member, Santa Barbara City College, Santa Barbara, Calif.
Superintendent of Schools, Gadsden County, Fla.
Race Relations Department, Fisk University
Superintendent of Schools, Lynchburg, Va.
Superintendent of Schools, Dyersburg, Tenn.
F.E.P.C., Michigan
American Friends Service Committee
Commission on Civil Rights
Superintendent of Schools, Denison, Texas
Reed Sarratt, Winston-Salem Journal

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

P.S. The secretary counts thirteen requests.

January 18, 1960

Mr. Anthony Lewis
New York Times Bureau
1701 "K" Street N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Lewis:

I have received today the manuscript which I mentioned to you on your visit last week. It is a short analysis done by Professor Frank Stallings (Education, University of Louisville) that covers two related subjects: the Atlanta study of Negro-white differentials in 1956; and the academic results of four years of integration in Washington. The theme is obvious: the scholastic problems facing the city about to desegregate and the results which are, with serious effort, possible.

I wanted to let you know of this because of your plans for your own article. We undoubtedly will not get this back from the printers before the 1st of the month, but I would have no objection to sending you a copy of the manuscript if you think it might be of any value at all to you. So far as the Atlanta study is concerned, it reports nothing, I expect, which you will not discover. The Washington section might give you a convenient summary.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

January 18, 1960

Professor Frank H. Stallings
Department of Education
University of Louisville
Louisville 8, Kentucky

Dear Professor Stallings:

The manuscript arrived today and I have already had a chance to read it through once and to commence my second reading. It seems to me to be all that we have anticipated--which is to say that it is a fine job. I shall write you again within a couple of days with a few editorial suggestions, but I know from my initial reading that they will not be very important.

We want to thank you again for undertaking this assignment for the Council. Checks are enclosed for your honorarium and for typing expenses.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Enclosure: check for $150.
" " 18.

January 18, 1960

Mr. Jesse Hill
Atlanta Life Insurance Company
148 Auburn Avenue N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Hill:

As you undoubtedly know, the A.C.C.A. pamphlet is now at the printers. We have ordered 2,500 copies and, a as I told you, the estimated price is $755.00 plus tax.

According to our earlier conversation, the Council will contribute $400.00 to this undertaking in the expectation that Atlanta Life will pay the balance. When the printing bill is received, we shall pay it and then notify you so that you may reimburse us for your portion.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

P.S. I have just talked with the printer, who tells me that he expects to have galleys tomorrow, although he has not yet received from Mr. Harper all of the art work.

January 18, 1960

Mr. Henry Moon
Director of Public Relations
N.A.A.C.P.
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Moon:

Mrs. Ruby Hurley has told us that you have reprinted the New York Times advertisement related to the Yancey County situation. I wonder if you could have someone advise us as to the price of copies?

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
63 Auburn Avenue, NE
Atlanta 3, Georgia

MEMORANDUM

January 18, 1960

To: Mr. Stephen R. Currier
Taconic Foundation, Inc.

From: Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

Re: SUGGESTED STUDY OF PUBLIC POLICIES AFFECTING RACE RELATIONS.

Here is a general outline of a possible study of public policy, as we discussed last Thursday.

OBJECT:

To enable a group of specialists in law and government to examine public policies (federal, state, and local) as they affect race relations in the United States. To carry out the study and publish findings and recommendations would probably take two years.

NEED:

Hardly anybody but partisans is providing diagnosis and prescription in this field. Meanwhile, we have free-for-all controversy and a profusion of laws and administrative actions. There are various honestly debatable questions that are not getting the scholarly, independent study they deserve: e.g., how far does federal responsibility extend; at what points does the legal protection of minority rights conflict with other constitutional guarantees; how useful and how reasoned in scope are the growing number of state and local anti-discrimination bodies? The development of wise and effective public policy in this field is important enough to our domestic and international well-being to warrant the best thought available.

SPONSORSHIP:

The project might either be carried out directly under foundation sponsorship, or be farmed out to an appropriate university or private agency. Examples of the first pattern would be the Rockefeller Brothers Fund's study of national defense, or the Ashmore study of bi-racial education sponsored by the Fund for the Advancement of Education. One of many examples of the second sort would be the studies of the loyalty-security program sponsored by the Bar of the City of New York and financed by the Fund for the Republic.

METHOD:

A study of this scope could not be blue-printed out of hand. A few questions illustrative of those deserving study are included in this memorandum. But a proper outline of the project and determination of procedures, personnel, and costs would require preliminary staff work of a high order. One of the proverbial "bright young lawyers" might be engaged on a temporary basis to develop detailed plans for the project. (With luck, he might even turn out to be the right person for project staff director.) The Ashmore Project, in which I was involved, would be worth looking at as a prototype of the foundation-sponsored study. It had an imposing steering committee headed by the late ex-Justice Owen Roberts, a project director in the person of Harry Ashmore, and a research staff directed by Philip Hammer. In addition, a wide assortment of scholars, lawyers, and other specialists contributed to the study as consultants. The result, as you know, was a series of reports and publications, beginning with Ashmore's The Negro and the Schools.

SUGGESTED QUESTIONS FOR STUDY:

1. What is the responsibility of the Federal Government in this field, and how well is it being met? (Federal legislation, enforcement machinery, aid to state programs, employment, facilities, etc.)

2. What are the merits and demerits of official anti-discrimination commissions? (Objectives, effect on private property rights, administrative practices, legal concepts arising from their rulings, relation to judicial review, degree of permanence, etc.)

3. What are the governmental responsibilities toward problems arising from non-white migration to cities? (proposed "controlled migration," urban renewal, public housing and welfare programs, aid to vocational education, special educational techniques, de facto segregation, etc.)

4. Should public policy be confined to ending discrimination and compulsory segregation, or should it seek to bring about actual integration?

Possible Personnel (representing types of individuals who would be desirable for steering committee, staff, or consultant involvement):

Arthur E. Sutherland, Harvard Law
Harris Wofford, Notre Dame Law
Robert Harris, Vanderbilt Political Science
Henry Brandis, North Carolina Law
Robert Leflar, Arkansas and NYU Law
Frederick Watkins, Yale Political Science
G. W. Foster, Wisconsin Law
Louis Pollak, Yale Law
John Wheeler, Durham business
J. M. Nabrit, Howard Law
Albert W. Dent, Dillard University

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January 18, 1960

The Rev. Robert Hughes
Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 1218, Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Bob:

Our friend from Selma has come up with some information which he has apparently solicited from one of his friends at Craig Air Force Base. It is an elementary school with 175 students and eight teachers. The principal's secretary says that the school is open to all personnel living on the base. However, no Negroes have in fact attended this school during the past five years. The secretary stated that no Negro has requested enrolment during this time. According to my information, no Negroes now live on or near the base. This is not necessarily any indication of discrimination. Housing is scarce and inadequate near the base, with the result that most personnel, white and Negro, choose to live in town and send their children to Selma schools.

The federal government now contends that there are only two schools run by the federal government exclusively for personnel on military bases which have not yet been desegregated. One is Dyess AFB in Abilene, Texas, and the other is at Huntsville.

Please put in writing the specific information on the place, time, etc. of the Board Meeting.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

EW - we should have a cc or a thermofax for clipping file

MEMORANDUM January 18, 1960

To: Mrs. Cahn
From: Paul Rilling

I am enclosing photostatic copies of the existing Louisiana legislation which seems to me pertinent to the current school crisis. I am also including a brief summary of the laws.

If desegregation is ordered in New Orleans, state school funds will be cut off to any desegregated school and the school will no longer be accredited by the State Board of Education. The Governor may close any desegregated school or other schools in the system concerned, but is not compelled by law to do so. The 1958 Pupil Placement Law may well in most respects be constitutional if it were to be actually administered without regard to race. This law will not have much impact on your situation until and unless the earlier laws providing for fund cut-off and school closure are declared unconstitutional by the courts. These laws will probably not be declared invalid until and unless they are applied in a specific situation.

In other words, it seems likely that when desegregation is ordered in New Orleans,schools will be closed, if not by the Governor, then by the cutting off of state funds. The only way that this could be avoided under present laws I believe, would be if the Governor chose not to exercise his powers to close the schools and the schools could be operated by local authorities under the Pupil Placement Plan, using local funds until such time as the Fund Cut-off Act could be tested in court.

It seems to me that your legal situation is sufficiently dangerous and the chances of school closure sufficiently real that some sort of citizens activity would be desirable to demonstrate white support for the continued operation of the public schools, etc. Such demonstration of opinion can be expressed through existing organizations or through the formation of a new group of the kind we have discussed, or both.

As best I can judge from this distance, I still believe as we agreed last fall, that the organization of a SOS group in New Orleans would be a useful move. I think the only valid arguments that could be raised against such a move would be: 1). things are proceeding well at the present, so why rock the boat. 2). There is a better way for public pressure to be brought to bear on this situation.

It seems to me that the first argument is rather clearly not so in view of your legal situation and the recent primary election. It is possible that the second argument may have some validity, but if there is a better way to operate in your situation, it has not yet been pointed out to me. In fact, I get the impression that unless some such effort is made there will be little or no activity among the white population to resist the possible closure of your schools.

As to the thought that it would be better to wait until after your general election, this is most difficult for me to judge from Atlanta. It would seem to me, however, that a public school group should be in a position to operate during the 1960 legislative session.

No outsider can fairly say what is needed in another city or state. We should, however, learn from experience, and the experience of Little Rock, and of Virginia, and now, of Atlanta, is that public support of public education channelled through an ad hoc citizens committee can be of great value.

Let me know if we can be of further service.

PMR/sm
Enc.

January 18, 1960

Mrs. J. S. Faulconer
Literature Chairman
Disciples of Peace Fellowship
Social Welfare Department, U.C.M.S.
222 South Downey Avenue
Indianapolis 7, Indiana

Dear Mrs. Faulconer:

Thank you for your request concerning our materials. Enclosed is a publications listing we have been sending to libraries and which may be helpful to you in selecting some materials for your convention.

We will be happy to let you have the material on the same basis as we offered it to the libraries.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

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Enclosures

same letter to:
Tenn,
W. Va.
2 other Ky. dioceses

January 18, 1960

Via Air Mail

Right Rev. Msgr. Felix Newton Pitt
151 South 5th Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Monsignor Pitt:

Several of the Southern agencies working in the field of inter-group relations have been trying to develop ways of assisting in the educational emergency which has thrown some 1,700 Negro children out of school in Prince Edward County, Virginia.

One of the ideas that has been suggested is that perhaps a few of these children at least could be placed in private and parochial schools throughout the South and border area. There is particular interest in ascertaining whether or not there are schools serving both races which might be willing to receive one or more of these children. It is felt that funds could probably be found to handle tuition and board costs if some arrangement could be worked out with the school concerned. Some schools in this category may well be boarding schools, in other cases, it might be possible to house the students in private homes in the community. Only a small percentage of those children are Catholic, however, it may well be a very fine experience for some of them to have the opportunity of attending schools operated by other faiths.

I realize that most Catholic schools in the Southern area are very near capacity and that the first obligation of such schools is to children of the local parish. If, however, you feel that the schools of your diocese might be able to receive a few of these children under these circumstances, I hope you will let me know so that we can explore the possibility further.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Director of Field Activities

PMR/sm

January 18, 1960

Mrs. H. A. Abbott
905 Avenue M, S. E.
Winter Haven, Florida

Dear Mrs. Abbott:

Thank you for your letter concerning Southern Regional Council's material. Enclosed is a recent publications listing. If you would select the titles in which you are interested and mail the leaflet back to me, I will be glad to forward the material to you immediately.

Again thanks for your interest.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

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Enclosures

January 19, 1960

Miss Betty Parker
Office Secretary
American Friends Service Committee, Inc.
Southwest Regional Office
1705 North Congress Avenue
Austin 1, Texas

Dear Miss Parker:

The pamphlet INTIMIDATION, REPRISAL AND VIOLENCE IN THE SOUTH'S RACIAL CRISIS is out of print, and so we are sorry that we cannot fill the order you mailed us. We are enclosing a recent publications listing with the hope that you will be interested in ordering other materials.

Sincerely,

(Miss) L. E. Cummings
Secretary to the Director of
Information

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Enclosures
cc: J. G. Towles

January 19, 1960

Mr. Milton C. Rose
Secretary
William C. Whitney Foundation
20 Broad Street
New York 5, New York

Dear Mr. Rose:

Thank you for your prompt letters of acknowledgment, which I found on my return from a brief trip.

I am deeply embarrassed by our delinquency in applying so late for a 1960 grant. Most of our contributors take action around the turn of the calendar year, which helps to explain though not to excuse our lapse.

We will be most grateful for the consideration of the Trustees at your April meeting, and equally apologetic for any inconvenience this may cause.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

January 19, 1960

Mr. Lee Nichols
111 S. Adams Street
Rockville, Maryland

Dear Lee:

Your welcome letter was awaiting me on my return from too much travel. It is good to hear from you after so long a time and to find that you are doing interesting and useful things. I hope we'll have a chance to talk shop again one day soon.

As to your information request, we are not particularly knowledgeable about official or quasi-official human relations groups, since they are virtually non-existent in our territory. If you haven't tried them already, you should write the National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials, 426 West 58th Street, Room 209, New York 19, for their information on the subject.

Meanwhile, I'm sending you one or two things from our files. They're not very recent, but may be helpful. When they have served your purpose, please send them back for our archival purposes. To simplify matters, an envelope is enclosed.

Sorry we can't be of more help on this one, but I hope you will try us again anytime the occasion arises.

Best,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

January 19, 1960

Miss Dorothy I. Height
President
National Council of Negro Women
1318 Vermont Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dorothy:

Your letter concerning the Washington conference arrived last Thursday while I was out of town.

Although we couldn't be represented, we are deeply concerned about the Prince Edward County situation and are doing what we can to find ways of assisting the Prince Edward County Christian Association and the displaced pupils.

I will appreciate your letting us know of any results of the conference that suggest coordination of efforts or resources.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

via air mail January 19, 1960

Mr. Robert Suritz
B'nai B'rith
1640 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Bob:

We finally got some word from our Texas friends. Not very helpful. The group in question is the Houston Council of Churches. Its Executive Director writes: "We are anxious to sponsor a public meeting with (the gentleman) as guest speaker. However, we feel that we should postpone this until after our workshop on February 13. If he is available later in the spring, we should like to know the dates, and we will take advantage of this opportunity."

Let me know if and how you want me to follow up on this deferred possibility.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

January 19, 1960

Professor J. Kenneth Davies
Department of Economics and
Business Administration
Duke University
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Professor Davies:

Mr. Fleming has asked me to reply to your letter of January 4 which, together with the attached research proposal, we have both read with much interest. I am afraid that we cannot help you financially, though other kinds of help, such as they are, are always available. We simply do not have the funds, or the mandate, to enlarge our activities into fields other than race relations at this time. Even in our own particular field, as a matter of fact, we are seldom if ever in a position to help with the financial sponsorship of more or less original research.

We do wish you all good luck with your undertaking and regret that we cannot be a part of it.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

January 19, 1960

Mr. Obadiah Williams
Robert A. Taft Senior High School
420 Lincoln Park Drive
Cincinnati 14, Ohio

Dear Mr. Williams:

Unfortunately, the only information we are able to supply in answer to your letter of January 12 is incomplete. The only total count of teachers losing their jobs which has come to our attention was made in 1956, and reported in Southern School News, Vol. III, No. 5, November, 1956 in a feature titled "462 Negro Teachers Out, Many Land in New Jobs." (Many, if not most, of the 462 were placed in other teaching jobs, however.)

A 1958 Louisville Defender series, "A Study on Teacher Integration," has been published in pamphlet form and is available from that newspaper at 714 W. Chestnut Street, Louisville 2, Ky. Although it does not contain a complete tally of displaced teachers, it may be of interest to you.

I wonder if you are familiar with Brooks v. School District of Moberly, Missouri. A summary of the case as reported by Race Relations Law Reporter, Vol. 4, No. 3, is attached; since it was published, the U. S. Supreme Court declined to review the lower court decision. (November 16, 1959)

Apart from the problem of displacement of Negro teachers when faculties are not integrated, a number of white and Negro teachers have been fired or resigned from their jobs in some Southern states because of pro-desegregation sentiments. I am unable to suggest a source which might give a complete total. An article which should be published in our monthly New South within several months surveys some of the restrictive legislation and regulation imposed on teachers who might favor desegregation. We will forward a copy of the magazine to you when it is published, for what worth it may be to you.

Here is one quotation I ran across recently, "In...the University of Mississippi, 31 out of 136 teachers have resigned in recent years, most of them over pressure from legislators determined to weed out hidden supporters of integration." (The Past Is Prologue, American Civil Liberties Union Annual Report, 1958, p. 26) Unfortunately, such random references are probably the only source of information on this area of your subject, integration as it has affected the release of teachers.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

P.S. Since writing the above, the Civil Rights Commission 1959 report has occured to me as a source. Copies of its pages 265-70, "The Minority Group Teacher," are enclosed. They give more recent data on Negro teacher displacement.

Enclosures: thermafax, Race Relations Law Reporter
Vol. 4, No. 3, Brooks v. School District of Moberly, Mo.
thermafax, Civil Rights Commission Report, pp. 265-70

Original & green copies with Lind

January 20, 1960

Mr. Caxton Doggett
The Methodist Church
P. O. Box 825
Winter Park, Florida

Dear Caxton:

We are very glad that you feel the Carmichael transcript will be useful with the local superintendent and other officials. The twenty copies are being mailed to you today.

It is likely that Superintendent Kipp received a summary of the transcript, in the form of an earlier "L" Report. Your getting the full transcript to him will be a helpful follow-up. Thanks, as always, for your alertness and initiative.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

January 20, 1960

Miss Elizabeth M. Eddy
Butler Hall
88 Morningside Drive
New York 27, New York

Dear Miss Eddy:

Your letter of January 12 has had our sympathetic consideration.

Unfortunately, there simply is no clear or simple way to categorize meaningfully the cities you have listed. Any purely geographic classification would be too crude. The sub-regions Neil Tarplee mentioned can be generalized about broadly, but it wouldn't be valid to apply these generalizations to specific locations. For example, race relations are worse in Bessemer, Ala., (a Piedmont city) than in many a Coastal or Black Belt city, though the sub-regional generalization would have it the other way around.

Percentage of Negro population is a reasonably good index, although in this case too there are many exceptions to the rule. If a single criterion has to be selected, I suspect that Negro voter registration would be the best; it would be necessary to show the number of Negro voters in a county as a percentage of Negro population for purposes of valid comparison of counties with widely varying Negro populations. The hitch here is that county-by-county Negro registration figures are not available for all of the states represented in your sample. I am sending you a copy of our latest report on suffrage, which gives such figures as are available.

If you wanted to combine several criteria in order to arrive at a ranking of the cities, in addition to Negro pppulation and Negro registration, you might use per capita income and median years of education attained. We have found in our own analyses that these indices have a high positive correlation with desegregation readiness or "good" race relations in general.

I am sorry that we know of no real solution to your problem, but I hope these suggestions will help you to arrive at some satisfactory procedure.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1. The Negro and the Ballot

January 20, 1960

Mr. Hubert W. Dean
G. K. Hall and Company
97 Oliver Street
Boston 10, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Dean:

Thank you for your letter telling us that NEW SOUTH is to be included in the new NEGRO INDEX. We plan to make an announcement in a forthcoming NEW SOUTH.

We would also like to subscribe to the INDEX for 1960 at the $12.00 price your news release quoted.

Again thanks.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

January 20, 1960

Mr. Gene A. Bass
Clinical Psychology Service
Cherry Hospital
Goldsboro, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Bass:

Thank you for your request concerning our materials. Enclosed is a listing of materials distributed by the Southern Regional Council. Please check the ones in which you are interested and return to the Council office, and we will be glad to send the material to you.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Lael E. Cummings
Secretary to the Director
of Information

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Enclosure
N/S promotion

January 21, 1960

Mr. John Hall Jacobs, Librarian
New Orleans Public Library
219 Loyola Avenue
New Orleans 40, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Jacobs:

We are sorry but our supply of SINGERS IN THE DAWN has been exhausted.

Your dollar payment is being returned with an enclosure of the pamphlets we have in stock.

If we can be of any additional service, please let us know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/bcc
Encl.

via air mail January 21, 1960

Mr. David F. Freeman
Rockefeller Brothers Fund
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York

Dear Dave:

I'm awfully sorry the interagency meeting was such a wretched, dispiriting affair. It was about the worst one ever. You sat there and took it like a good soldier, but it's still a pity you had to come 1,000 miles for such a treat.

Anyhow, I'm glad you and Ben Muse and I had some chance to talk and hope we will have further opportunity on happier occasions.

Recalling your extra-curricular interest in the federal-registrar proposal, I'm enclosing a copy of a memo prepared here for our own amusement.

When you see Vernon, tell him that Somebody Up There who controls the weather must like him.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P. S. -- For possible uses of our own, we have compiled the names of the Southern directors of the 500 largest corporations in America (the Fortune list.) It occurs to me that, if you explore the business men further, this might be helpful as a raw list from which to pick and choose the best small group. Let me know if and when and whether this might prove useful.

January 21, 1960

Mr. Saal D. Lesser
Executive Director
Encampment for Citizenship
2 West 64th Street
New York 23, New York

Dear Mr. Lesser:

Paul Rilling and I both expect to be in town on February 4 - 6 and will look forward with pleasure to seeing you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

January 21, 1960

Mr. Fendall R. Ellis
Superintendent
Charlottesville Public Schools
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Mr. Ellis:

We are mailing you today the requested ten copies of Report No. L-14, A Report From Virginia.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Mailed separately:
10 - L-14

January 21, 1960

Dr. Leonard Solomon
Psychology Service
V. A. Hospital
Montrose, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Solomon:

We are mailing you today some materials published by us in the area of desegregation problems for your course in Intergroup Relations.

The L-Reports should be considered in the light of their purpose. They are short, concise reports mailed out to business men, chambers of commerce, and school boards and superintendents in the South, giving information on the desegregation of schools and on the consequences of closed schools.

A list of our publications is included, for your information. If we can be of further assistance, please write again.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
- The Negro and the Ballot
- Segregation Decisions
- Background Report on School Desegregation for 1959-60
- Housing for Negroes in Atlanta
- New South, April, July-August, September, October, November, 1959
- L-Reports, 6, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14
- Next Steps in the South

January 21, 1960

Mrs. Thomas P. Heckman
533 Edgewood Road - Flowerfield
Lombard, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Heckman:

Your letter of January 8th was referred to me for reply. Because of my illness for several days, there has been this rather extended delay. I am sorry, and hope the materials being sent to your son will still be usable for the school bulletin board, as the 5th grade's project.

We do not ourselves handle films and filmstrips, but I am enclosing a selected film bibliography with the distributors' names and addresses. It seems to me that "To Live Together" (bottom of page two) is probably the best one for your purposes.

The material I am sending is not specifically aimed for young students, and so perhaps you had better look it over and decide if it will meet your needs before sending it to the school. I believe the pamphlet Next Steps in the South will be all right, and perhaps Three Views of the Segregation Decisions and the article in New South (September 1959) by Chester Bowles, "A Fresh Look at Race Relations," may be helpful.

Thank you for your continuing interest in the Southern Regional Council; we are happy to send these to a former member without charge.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
- Concern, December 1959
- Next Steps in the South
- Segregation Decisions
- New South, July-August, September, October, December 1959
- Selected Film Bibliography

January 21, 1960

Mr. C. A. Thomas
Executive Director
Canton Urban League, Inc.
819 Liberty Avenue, S. E.
Canton 7, Ohio

Dear Mr. Thomas:

As you requested in your letter of January 19, I am enclosing a biographical data sheet and a glossy print of Mr. Wright.

When you have made use of the photograph, please return it to this office.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mildred Flowers
Secretary to the Executive Director

MF
Enclosures - 2.

January 21, 1960

Air Mail Special

The Rev. William K. Williams
Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
4241 S. W. 109 Court
Miami, Florida

Dear Bill:

Thank you for your recent financial information. It was quite helpful, but still leaves us in some confusion because of minor discrepancies, uncertainty concerning your present bank balance, etc. It would seem as though the deficit of the Florida Council has been reduced a total of $1,100 in addition to your own action in reducing salary commitment $2,300. This certainly is a much brighter picture, but represents somewhat less than the hoped for response of an all-out fund drive. Of course, it could probably be assumed that some money, pledged or promised during this period, will come in during January and February. I hope.

We are anxious to see the audit to gain a more comprehensive picture of this situation, but in the meantime, we are recommending to the Executive Committee that the first quarterly grant from SRC be released to you.

Where we go from here will depend in large part on the instructions of the Executive Committee which is meeting next Tuesday, January 26.

I feel fairly sure that the Committee will feel as do we of the Staff, that now is the time for a thorough review of some of the non-financial concerns of the situation.

We will probably send a more official memorandum to the president of the Florida Council next week, but I wanted you to have this word in time for your Annual Meeting. We feel particularly that it is time for the state Board to face such matters as the need to terminate the staff relationship with the Dade County Council, the advisability of re-establishing a state office as soon as all back bills are paid, the advisability of relocating the Council headquarters in another part of the state, the need for an immediate working budget within the demonstrated means of the Council, the need for firm and regular budgetary controls and review, etc.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

P. S. Have you heard from the Field Foundation?

January 21, 1960

Mr. Donald G. Nugent
Executive Director
Texas Association of School Boards
1512 Guadalupe
Austin 1, Texas

Dear Mr. Nugent:

In my letter of December 16, I said that we would let you know if we had enough copies of Action Patterns in School Desegregation to send to the three hundred Texas school board presidents. We have completed our mailings, and we do have enough copies left. If you will send us the names, we will begin mailing them out at once.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

January 22, 1960

Dr. John L. Fulmer
Georgia Institute of Technology
225 North Avenue N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear John:

I wonder if you could have copies of your Georgia population and income study sent to:

Dr. John Hope II
Race Relations Department
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

John Hope has been working with the National Manpower Council in its current analysis of manpower underutilization in the country. I mention your study to him the other evening, and he expressed a great interest in seeing it.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

via air mail January 22, 1960

Mr. Nathaniel Griswold
Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

Henceforth, your reports to the Rockefeller Brothers Fund should go to David F. Freeman. Harry Meserve has recently left the Fund to join the staff of an organization concerned with religion and mental health, and Dave has assumed the race relations mantle. You will recall Dave, I'm sure, as the former officer of the Fund for the Republic through whom the earlier assistance to SRC and other Southern efforts was negotiated.

If you don't hear promptly from Dave, I'll be glad to prod his memory.

Since we have been in the throes of an inter-agency meeting and various other conferences this week, I haven't yet had a complete account of your annual meeting from Paul Rilling. But from his comments, I gather it was a good occasion.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

January 22, 1960

Mrs. Jane Lee Eddy
Taconic Foundation, Inc.
666 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Jane Lee:

Thanks for the copy of Baine's letter on behalf of the Houston Council of Churches and for the news story about the Rev. Dallam Simpson which he enclosed.

Simpson and his church -- the College Heights Baptist -- were on our list among the Top Four recommended for gifts of $2,500. I'm glad Baine sent in the clipping, since it helps to explain why we felt maximum recognition -- and financial support -- were called for.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

January 22, 1960

Professor Frank H. Stallings
Department of Education
University of Louisville
Louisville 8, Kentucky

Dear Professor Stallings:

We have had a chance to work through your manuscript and, as far as we are concerned, it is ready for printing. As I said to you before, we are most pleased with it and I hope that the changes we have proposed will meet with your approval, for they have been made in an effort to give greater strength and clarity to your discussion. As to length, I believe you will find that our changes add to the size.

I think the only important change is that we proposed a general revision of pages three and four. I am enclosing a copy of the manuscript and you will find our revision on pages three, four and four-a. The purpose of the revision was two-fold: first, to give a rather difficult passage a little more readability by some reorganization; second, to offer readers some more interpretive comment of the data. I did this latter thing most humbly and submit it for your scrutiny. The revision still leaves one question that is bothering us, and that is on page four-a where you remark that academic achievement is related to socio-economic background. My difficulty is that I do not quite see how you make this relevant to the progressively widening differences up the education ladder. My inference is that you mean the socio-economic factors become more pronounced as the children grow older. I would, however, appreciate your suggesting some rewording that would make your point more explicitly related to its context. Also on page four, in the paragraph on over-lapping, I used the figures 40%

to 60% instead of your 35% to 50%. In my layman's perusal there seems to be some conflict between pages 23 to 24 of the Atlanta Survey and page i. Both organizational interest and my examination of tables 2.91 and 2.92 influence me to prefer the 40 to 60 figure. But I now pass it back to you for decision. The problem occurs also on page 11 of your manuscript.

For clarity's sake, I substituted on page seven "Negro and white" for "two"; and on page nine inserted the word "language". Are my changes accurate?

On page 10, second complete paragraph, I added a thought. Is is acceptable?

After you have had a chance to review this, I would be grateful if you would call, collect, to give me your opinions on the above and any other proposed changes.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

P.S. Although I cut the title and struck out your descriptive headnote, the words "Atlanta" and "Washington" will appear on the outside of the publication.

January 22, 1960

The Rev. Will D. Campbell
National Council of Churches
Department of Racial and Cultural Relations
P. O. Box 1083
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Will:

Under separate cover we are sending to you 7,000 copies of the McGill reprint, "The Agony of the Southern Minister." These copies are made available to you as you suggested so that you may distribute them to ministers, in hopes that they in turn may wish to secure additional copies for distribution to key laymen.

Cheers!

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

January 22, 1960

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
Room 605, 1400 Main Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

In view of the heavy schedule of events in which you are involved January 27 - 29, I would suspect that this would not be a particularly good time for us to consult together.

Unless you think it would be better for me to come in connection with the next Board Meeting in March, I will plan to come on Wednesday, February 17, the week following the State Staff Meeting, and stay a day or two, if desirable.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

January 22, 1960

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

Enclosed is the proposed agenda for the Executive Committee meeting of the 26th.

Item number four of the executive session, "Staff Retirement Program" appears on the agenda because of action taken at the annual meeting. At that time, it was requested by the members that the staff determine feasible retirement programs and submit them to the Executive Committee for consideration. We have not been able to collect this information in time to circulate it to the Committee beforehand.

Since retirement programs are involved at best, the Committee may wish to refer this matter to the Personnel Committee, the Finance Committee or a separate committee established for that purpose. However, if the Executive Committee wishes to consider the matter on the 26th, Harold Fleming and I will be prepared to present the matter to the Committee during the executive session.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1.

January 22, 1960

A. M. Secrest, Editor and Publisher
The Cheraw Chronicle
114 Front Street
Cheraw, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Secrest:

Several of us at the Southern Regional Council have read and re-read your speech before the Pageland Chamber of Commerce last year, and we are in the opinion that this should receive as wide a distribution as possible.

Its moderate tone and good sense approach to the school desegregation question could help in this transitional period.

And so, we wonder if you would permit us to reprint it in an early issue of NEW SOUTH, a copy of which is enclosed?

We appreciate any consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/bee
Encl.

January 22, 1960

The Rev. Robert Hughes
Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 1218 Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Bob:

For some reason you still refuse to tell me where the damn meeting is going to be. This would be of considerable help in getting me there, and enabling me to direct the guest speaker.

If you really feel it would be helpful, I will try and come in time for the Friday evening session of the Board. Jim Brewer, however, had planned to come to Atlanta and travel with me to the meeting. Actually, it would be good for him to be exposed to the Board meeting and I will suggest this to him. If he is unable to make the meeting, shall I wait and bring him over early Saturday morning, or shall I come on Friday and tell him to make his way to the place of the meeting, wherever that is? There is such a thing as carrying security precautions too far.

The organization with which Jim is connected is not HOPE. It is the Virginia Committee for Public Schools and the Norfolk Committee for Public Schools. Since the operation of the Committee was of considerable value, they are rather sensitive about being referred to as HOPE, which is the name of another organization in another state which has yet to prove itself.

Your suggestions for the morning's presentations are quite satisfactory. I feel that you should emphasize such matters as voting and violence in addition to a discussion of the Virginia experience. It would seem that Alabama is is still some time away from this kind of crisis, regardless of Huntsville.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

January 22, 1960

The Rev. James Brewer
The Unitarian Church
15th Street and Moran Avenue
Norfolk 7, Virginia

Dear Jim:

This will confirm our telephone conversation last year sometime which committed you to appear at the Annual Meeting of the Alabama Council on Human Relations, February 6, to give them the word on how to save the public schools.

Bob Hughes, Executive Director of the ACHR, says that the meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m. in Talladega. You will be the first item on the program and will be expected to speak for approximately 30 minutes on the experience of the Norfolk and Virginia Public School Committees last year. He suggests that you treat both the state and local level, but that you concentrate primarily on Norfolk as a study in local crisis response. (Where have you heard that before?) Among the questions Bob raises as those of interest to the group are such matters as: from what quarter or individuals did the initiative come and how was it developed? What was the role of the Virginia Council and other liberal organizations (you will lie strategically on this one.) What strategic mistakes were made, etc. You get the idea.

I will follow you with a 20 minute presentation, drawing general conclusions from the Virginia and Norfolk situations, pointing up lessons for Alabama -- that kind of jazz. We will then answer questions.

One problem has developed. This is that they want me to come on to Talladega Friday evening preceding the session. If you have time, it would probably be interesting for you to see the operation of another state Council. I would suggest that you come to Atlanta Thursday evening and we will go to Talladega

Friday evening? Your portion of the program will be finished by 12:30. I will be involved in additional business sessions until 3:00 p.m. If you need to get away in a hurry, you can make your own plans, or you can wait until three and come back to Atlanta with me. Why don't you get Dan Bowers to give a guest ~~sermon~~ lecture and spend the week-end with me here?

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

January 25, 1960

Mr. Seymour Samet
American Jewish Committee
1208 Congress Building
Miami, Florida

Dear Seymour:

Here is the list of Dade Countians receiving our L-Reports, as you requested. Since our stencils aren't maintained geographically, somebody may have been missed, but this is nearly all, if not all.

If you have suggested additions -- or, for that matter, deletions -- they will be appreciated.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

January 25, 1960

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
Executive Director
New World Foundation
475 Riverside Drive
New York 27, New York

Dear Vernon:

If you've seen Dave Freeman, you already know little you missed by not making the interagency meeting. Oh, well, as I say with increasing frequency, you can't win 'em all.

This is to take you up on your generous offer to pass on a copy of our last program report to Dyke Brown. Copy enclosed for that purpose. On second thought, two copies enclosed, in case you want to send one to Hunter too.

Since you didn't make the trek last week, I hope you will continue to plan on a swing in connection with your Shaw speech. Let me know.

Best,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 2. (Program Report)

January 25, 1960

Mr. Emory Via
School for Workers
University Extension Division
The University of Wisconsin
Madison 6, Wisconsin

Dear Emory:

Many thanks for the Department of Labor notes. We have the 1957 edition, though I am chagrined that I missed getting the revision.

All goes along here pretty well. The Executive Committee comes in tomorrow and I suppose we shall still be afloat afterwards.

Give my best to Margaret, and good wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

January 25, 1960

The Democratic National Committee
1001 Connecticut Avenue N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

The Southern Inter-Agency Conference, which is made up of representatives of the leading social and religious agencies concerned with Southern racial problems, discussed at its last meeting the desirability of each agency being aware of the principles of the Fair Election Code subscribed to by the Democratic and Republican national parties. We were instructed to find out if copies of the code could be obtained for distribution to each agency.

Would it be possible to obtain 90 copies of the code from you, or could you advise us how we may procure them?

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

January 22, 1960

Mr. Carson Pritchard
West Georgia College
Carrolton, Georgia

Dear Carson:

The recent Tuskegee Institute Report on Race Relations in the South - 1959, lists the Carroll Service Council organization among the organized "opponents of civil rights." I was under the impression that the Service Council was related to your activity and that the listing of the Council in this connection was probably an error. If so, I would like to call it to the attention of the people in Tuskegee. What about it?

In case you have completely lost touch with me, I was in Virginia last year with the Virginia Council on Human Relations, and moved back to Atlanta this year with the SRC. I hope we can get together some time soon and compare notes on things. Give me a call next time you are in Atlanta, which will probably be sooner than I will be in Carrolton.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

January 25, 1960

Dr. Elmer H. Johnson
Assistant Director
North Carolina Prison Dept.
Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Dr. Johnson:

It was with real pleasure that we received and read your letter of January 14. We have, as you put it, a "deal".

With your list of qualifications and observations we have no hesitation at all in agreeing fully with the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 6th and 7th. With the others we are also in accord, though I would like to offer some brief comments regarding them.

I can well understand that you do not wish to identify yourself as writing in your official capacity as assistant director of prisons, and I want to assure you that we shall be guided by your wishes on this, whatever they are. I would like to point out, however, what you know well yourself, and that is that readers like to know the credentials of an author. It is not a matter of exploiting a relationship, but of giving the writer his proper identification and indicating his special authority. As far as we are concerned, no title at all need be shown on the cover or title page; but I do suggest that you consider allowing us to print, perhaps on the back of the title page or cover, a short biographical note which would, among other things, indicate your present positions.

As you say, statistics are inadequate and documentation of statements not fully possible. I would add that this in itself is a point which deserves some stress in your presentation. Perhaps it might be worthwhile to note that crime statistics are gathered somewhat more diligently with each passing year and that this in itself somewhat exaggerates the crime rate.

The honorarium of $50, payable after submission of the general outline, is satisfactory. The further honorarium for preparation of the pamphlet will be $200 plus clerical expenses, if any. We shall also be glad to mail copies of the pamphlet to such persons as you would wish to receive it. I think the discussion should be in the neighborhood of 10,000 words, but we would not quarrel if it were somewhat more or less.

We are very glad to have your participation in our work and look forward to receiving your outline and the subsequent article. Perhaps, too, we shall have an opportunity to meet with you sometime.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

January 25, 1960

Dr. Bruce McDuffie
Department of Chemistry
Harpur College
Endicott, New York

Dear Bruce:

Now that you mention it, I guess that I did promise to send you some things, and now that I think about it, I guess I never did. This is being remedied under separate cover. For introducing the successful resolution against the disclaimer affidavit, you deserve even better than we can supply.

Things looked up down here last week - considerably. Jim Peters said the alternatives were desegregation or Ellis Arnall, and he made clear he preferred the former. A couple of potent legislators said amen. A vice-president of the Georgia Trust Company said desegregation is inevitable, and Mills Lane, president of Citizens & Southern, declared his faith that a solution would be found and added "closing schools is obviously not a solution." So don't give up in your home state just yet.

Will you be coming down again next summer?

Best wishes to Winifred.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Mailed separately:
L-Reports: 1, 8-A, 11, 12, 13, 14
New South, Oct., Nov., 1959
Waiting Room Practices in 21 Southern Cities
The Negro and the Ballot
Background Report on School Desegregation
SRC policy statement

January 26, 1960

Via Air Mail

Dr. Prynce Hopkins
Hopkins Charities Fund
1920 Garden Street
Santa Barbara, California

Dear Dr. Hopkins:

Enclosed are six copies of our summary proposal to the Hopkins Charities Fund, one copy of our most recent report of program activities, and a list of the Council's board members. Since our materials and releases are sent to you as a matter of course, we will not add to the bulk of the request by duplicating them here.

Our annual audited statement for 1959 is in preparation, and a copy will be sent to you promptly on completion. Meanwhile, for the financial data on page 2 of the appeal, we are using the unaudited 1959 figures. It seemed to us that this would be preferable to audited figures that are no longer current -- especially since the official audit can be sent to you within a few weeks.

If further information of any kind would assist the Trustees in considering our appeal, please advise me. We are most grateful for your willingness to consider the Southern Regional Council's needs.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/sm
Enclosures - 6 copies proposal
1 copy Program Report
1 copy Board list
1 tax exemption letter

January 26, 1960

The Rev. Henry Yergan Sideboard
Calvary Christian Methodist Episcopal Church
25-27 Oak Street
Jersey City, N. J.

Dear Mr. Sideboard:

We are mailing you today, under separate cover, some materials in reply to your questions 2 and 3. In regard to question 1, we cannot find any studies which deal with statistics on percentages of trained Negroes and whites leaving the South annually. Most studies that have been done deal with total migration, and state that those migrating are in the most productive age group. We are sending you some material on migration in general.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
Religious Bodies and the Supreme Court Decision
New South, Feb. and Dec. 1959; Nov. 1959; Jan. 1960

Suggested reading: Christians in Racial Crisis, by T. F. Pettigrew and Ernest Q. Campbell (in the back of this book is found later statements by religious bodies).

January 26, 1960

Mr. Wardell Bynum, President
Local Union No. 10
209 Goldleaf Street
Rocky Mount, N. C.

Dear Mr. Bynum:

The statistics you requested on Negro registration and voting are contained in our publication, The Negro and the Ballot in the South. We are mailing you a copy under separate cover.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

January 26, 1960

Mr. Sylvan Meyer
The Gainesville Times
Gainesville, Georgia

Dear Sylvan:

Here is a clipping from the Knoxville Journal of January 14. As you can see, the story had nothing to do with race; to make doubly sure we confirmed that with the assistant postmaster in Knoxville. The headline writer saw the word "integration" and jumped to his conclusion -- a good example of preoccupation with racial issues. We might use this as a peg for our foreword, but you might like to use it yourself. If so, go ahead.

Best wishes, and
Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Enclosure: thermafax of news clip

January 27, 1960

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
Room 605, 1400 Main Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I have just received a letter from Courtney suggesting that I attend the Board meeting of the South Carolina Council, Sunday, March 6. I am therefore reserving that date for South Carolina.

I will plan to be with you for the Board meeting and can either come a day early or stay a day after the meeting to confer more informally with you. If for any reason you would prefer for me to carry through with the visit for February 17 I suggested in my last letter, please let me know. If I do not hear from you I will expect to descend upon you for the March 16 meeting.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

January 27, 1960

Mr. William Bagwell
P. O. Box 1307
High Point, N. C.

Dear Bill:

I think it is almost sure that you have the enclosed two clippings, of which the originals are available if you want them, but I don't seem to be able to find much else.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Enclosures: Washington Post clip, Burnesville
N. Y. Times clip, The Long, Long Ride

January 27, 1960

University of Chicago Press
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sirs:

We would like to order the latest edition of your A Manual of Style. Will you please send one copy, and bill us.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

January 27, 1960

Miss Jean Fairfax
National Representative
  of Southern Programs
American Friends Service Committee
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia 7, Pa.

Dear Jean:

I heard today from Miss Thelma How, and the prospects sound interesting indeed. I hope we may be able to take advantage of them. Many thanks.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

January 27, 1960

Industrial Relations Counselors
1270 Avenue of the Americas
New York 20, New York

Dear Sirs:

We have heard that you recently have prepared a report on the general subject of Negro manpower skills and their utilization. If this is so, I wonder if we could procure a copy.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

January 27, 1960

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
1013 Highland View, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Tilly:

At its meeting yesterday, the Executive Committee was informed of Mr. Tilly's illness and pending operation. At that time, the Committee expressed its concern and asked that the sentiments of the group be passed on to you for Mr. Tilly's speedy recovery.

All of us on the staff join in this expression of concern and good wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
63 Auburn Ave., N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

MEMORANDUM January 27, 1960

To: Members of the Executive Committee

From: Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

Re: DATES OF SPRING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.

The Executive Committee, on January 26, selected three possible dates for the spring Executive Committee meeting. These are:

April 26, April 29, and May 3

On the enclosed card please indicate your preference of dates, as well as all dates which are possible for you.

We will inform you of the choice of the majority as soon as possible.

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
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Atlanta 3, Georgia

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January 27, 1960

Mr. Joe N. Ross, Jr.
President
Ebony Sales Company
3011-19th Street
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Dear Mr. Ross:

Enclosed is a sample copy of our magazine, NEW SOUTH, as you requested. NEW SOUTH does not carry advertising, and so we cannot comply with your second request.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Enclosure

January 27, 1960

Mrs. Marjorie Smith
3236 Bankhead Avenue
Montgomery 6, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Smith:

Find out the amount of the railroad and plane fare to Washington, add to it the $10.00 for registration, and let me know the amount and a check will be sent to you. I do hope all five of you will be able to go.

Mr. Tilly was operated on this morning and every precaution is being taken. There are nurses around the clock.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/lec
Enclosure

(Dictated by Mrs. Tilly, signed in her absence)

Enclosures: 4 copies of Proposal
1 Bd. List
1 Financial analysis (Proposed Budget - 1960)

via air mail January 27, 1960

Mr. Jack Clareman
Secretary
The Christopher Reynolds Foundation, Inc.
3040 Salmon Tower Building
11 West 42nd Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Mr. Clareman:

Enclosed are 4 copies of our request to the Christopher Reynolds Foundation for assistance in 1960. Also enclosed are a copy of our current list of board members and a financial analysis of the Council's general operations.

An audited financial statement for 1959 is in preparation and will, of course, be sent to you on completion.

Please let me know if further information of any kind would be helpful. We shall be grateful, as always, to you and the other Trustees for your consideration of the Council's needs.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

Enclosures: 1 Proposal
1 Bd. List
1 Financial ~~analay~~ Analysis (Proposed Budget - 1960)

via air mail January 27, 1960

Mr. Sol Markoff
Director
New York Foundation, Inc.
61 Broadway
New York 6, New York

Dear Mr. Markoff:

Enclosed is our request to the New York Foundation for assistance in 1960, as well as a financial analysis for the current year and a list of our Board members.

If further information of any kind is needed, please let me know.

An audited financial statement for 1959 is in preparation and a copy will, of course, be sent to you as soon as it is completed.

We are grateful, as always, to you and the Trustees of the Foundation for your consideration of the Council's needs.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

A REQUEST
TO THE CHRISTOPHER REYNOLDS FOUNDATION
FROM THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

January 27, 1960

This is to submit to the Christopher Reynolds Foundation the Southern Regional Council's request for renewed assistance in 1960, in the amount of $5,000.

Your confidence and help have been indispensable to the Council during these years of change and upheaval in the South. We do not want to seem to presume upon your continued interest in our work. But it is our hope that the Trustees of the Foundation share our view of the South as an area of critical importance, calling for sustained effort by an organization like the Council.

The Council's aim has been to work on more than an emergency basis, to build program that seeks lasting effects rather than merely improvising to meet short-run crises. Thus our program for 1960 in many respects will be continuous with the activities of the past year, extending the activities we have already reported to you further and more effectively into the life of the region.

There are, however, various new directions and emphases that we feel the changing situation calls for in the coming year and which may be summarized as follows:

(1) Economic leadership. We have commissioned Professor Donald Dewey, respected Duke University economist, to prepare a report on Negro manpower utilization in the industrializing South.

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(2) Medical care. Preoccupation with school desegregation has led to neglect of other areas of discrimination which may be attacked with better prospects of early results. One such area, vitally important to the individual and the family, is medical care. We hope to survey physician practices and hospital facilities in detail and to give the findings wide distribution and publicity. Our exploratory interviews with health and health and hospital officials have uncovered much interest in such a survey.

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In addition, we will continue to prepare and distribute the frequent reports directed to school administrators, editors, and other community leaders. One subject of special emphasis will be the evidence of sharply improved achievement by Negro pupils and teachers in desegregated situations. It is essential that the negative image of the Negro as a hopelessly downgrading influence be counteracted by factual material disseminated through the press and through strategically distributed publications.

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Of course, there will be no diminution of our assistance, program and financial, to state and local human relations councils throughout the South. Within the next few weeks, we expect to bring together the personnel of these councils for joint planning.

This partial description of program plans for the coming year may suffice to indicate the variety and scope of the Southern Regional Council's opportunities in 1960. To carry out these plans as well as continuing aspects of its work, the Council must raise $49,000 not now committed or in hand. The enclosed financial analysis shows the general operating budget and expectable income from which this balance is derived.

If further information would assist in the consideration of our request, please call on us for it. Meanwhile, our appreciation and kindest regards.

A REQUEST
TO THE NEW YORK FOUNDATION, INC.
FROM THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

January 27, 1960

This is to submit to the New York Foundation the Southern Regional Council's request for renewed assistance in 1960, in the amount of $10,000.

We wish to emphasize the value and importance of the New York Foundation's willingness to assist the central needs of the Council. For it is through the general operations of this organization that its basic and most effective work is done. The Council, of course, has no endowment; nor does it have a building program or other purely institutional functions which drain off funds from the general budget. Therefore, general support of the Council is translated almost entirely into meaningful program activity. For an organization like ours a proliferation of "projects" only serves to fragment and compartmentalize program efforts that are carried out more economically and more effectively as integral parts of the total staff operation.

For these reasons, we are particularly grateful for the New York Foundation's past assistance, and hopeful that it may continue on the same basis.

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January 28, 1960

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Penn Community Services, Inc.
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

Your memorandum to the interagency list was not only prompt but very well done -- a marked improvement over the original request, if I may say so.

I suppose it is unnecessary for me to assure you that, if the conference is not subsidized, you may count on SRC's participation and cooperation under its own steam.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

via air mail January 28, 1960

Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky
2017 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.
Washington 8, D. C.

Dear Adam:

I was glad to get your not-so-recent letter and to find out that I'll be seeing you at Notre Dame, deo volente.

As you will have perceived, I've heard nothing from Hazel Smith either. As a first gambit in the matter of the first loan, I have written Gene Cox and asked him if he would employ his rapport with Hazel by raising the matter with her. (I also hinted that he might try to help her with the elementary requirements of good manners, good communication, and good interpersonal relations.)

If Gene Cox doesn't get any results, I will take it up directly with Hazel. I wouldn't mind a bit doing it now, but feel that somebody closer to her might accomplish the purpose more efficiently.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P. S. -- Bill Peters has been here, and will return shortly, on a CBS-TV assignment.

HCF

January 28, 1960

Mr. Garth Cate
Tryon,
North Carolina

Dear Mr. Cate:

Thanks for your welcome letter and enclosure. The reprint of your own speech inspires me to wish that every thoughtful citizen would be compelled to set forth some idea of what he would do if he "were governor." We might then get some really valuable public discussion going.

By now you will have received the copies of New South which you ordered. Marion Wright is a superb handler of ideas and phrases, and many of his speeches have been reprinted and widely distributed. We have no plans, and know of none by others, to reprint this particular speech. We do, however, send New South to a wide selection of newspaper editors and other "opinion leaders" over the South. I must confess, though, that reaching the people en masse who should be exposed to such ideas stumps us all.

I am not the Harold Felming you have heard of, though I may know him through correspondence. If so, he is a writer on business and financial subjects. One of his hobbies, interestingly enough, is collecting the rest of us Harold Flemings throughout the country. At last count, he was in active correspondence with six or seven of us.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

January 28, 1960

Mr. William C. Allred, Jr.
124 West Sprague
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Will:

Thanks for your letter and the entertaining and instructive outline of the thesis. As an old hand at diapers, as well as SRC, I admire your persistence.

I will look forward to receiving the draft whenever acts of God permit and will try to give it a prompt reading. We are not merely interested in such favorable judgments as you may bring yourself to announce, but more important, we expect to profit from your analytical comments and criticisms.

With all good wishes for a speedy and successful delivery,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

MEMORANDUM January 28, 1960

To: Jean Fairfax
From: Paul Rilling

Re: What else?

1. I have discussed the draft proposal with Harold. He approves in general, but urges that we add a paragraph emphasising such aspects as the pilot nature of the project, its probable application in future similar situations, etc.

2. Re: the kids for boarding schools. Courtney Siceloff has been agitating with schools in South Carolina to some effect. Mather school in Beaufort, South Carolina is willing to take up to ten on full tuition scholarship. We also have tentative offers from Friendship College and from Clinton College (a Methodist boys school), both in Rock Hill, South Carolina. This information has been passed on to Dan Bowers who has been in personal contact with Griffin. It looks as though 2 - 4 children will take up the Mather offer. All offers will be acknowledged by Griffin, whether or not they are taken up.

   There are still some vacancies available at Kittrell College which have not yet been claimed, though offered at a cheaper rate than anywhere else.

3. I think a confab in Prince Edward County can be arranged fairly soon and that probably Dan Bowers and Lester Banks should be involved. I would forget Henderson and Daniel.

4. Noting your letter to Neil Tarplee, be informed that I cannot join you there during the week of February 8.

PMR/sm

January 28, 1960

Mrs. C. J. Lindemann
Corresponding Secretary
The Women's Council for Interracial Cooperation
1121 Surrey Crescent
Norfolk 8, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Lindemann:

I am enclosing information on the Highlander Folk School, including a report by the school and several clippings from the Chattanooga Times which will give you some background on a legal and political controversy in Tennessee in which the school has been involved in recent months. I hope that these materials will give you some picture of the organization.

We are not familiar with that aspect of their program which involves folk singers.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm
Enc.

January 28, 1960

The Rev. Robert Hughes
Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 1218, Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Bob:

After reading your nasty and defamatory letter of January 25, I have decided that I will not at this or any other time attend any meeting with which you have any connection. Neither will I permit Jim Brewer to attend any such meetings.

I knew the meeting was at Talladega. I knew that. What I have been trying to find out is where in Talladega. What do I do, stand in the middle of the sidewalk and ask everybody I see where the ACHR is meeting?

I think we will not come first to Birmingham and ride over with you because it would prolong the driving that day. I have not heard from Jim, but I hope we can drive directly from Atlanta to Talladega, arriving in time for the Board meeting.

As for biographical data, Jim holds degrees from the University of Toledo, Harvard Divinity School and Tufts. He is minister of the Unitarian church of Norfolk. He was one of the organizers and first chairman of the Norfolk Committee for Public Schools. When several of the local communities organized the state-wide Virginia Committee for Public Schools, Jim was elected to the state board of directors. Jim is currently an officer of the Norfolk Council on Human Relations and was one of its organizers. He has recently been elected a state vice-president of the VCHR. Last year he received the Holmes-Weatherly Award for Social Justice, a national award.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

January 28, 1960

Mrs. Marion R. Ascoli
President
Marion R. Ascoli Fund
100 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mrs. Ascoli:

Please accept the Southern Regional Council's grateful acknowledgement of the Marion R. Ascoli Fund's check for $1,000 in payment of its 1960 pledge to the Council. Our official receipt is enclosed.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1. (Official receipt)

January 28, 1960

Mrs. Adele R. Levy
President
Adele R. Levy Fund, Inc.
100 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mrs. Levy:

On behalf of the Southern Regional Council, this is to acknowledge most gratefully the Fund's check for $1,000 representing the first annual payment of its five-year pledge.

The Council's official receipt is enclosed.

With appreciation and personal good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1. (Official receipt)

via air mail January 28, 1960

Mr. Paul Christopher
Regional Director, AFL-CIO
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

I want to follow up as quickly as possible your suggestions regarding the AFL-CIO and the UAW. But I'm a bit unsure of my touch -- particularly in the case of Shishkin, whom I don't know well personally.

Will you look over the enclosed draft letters to Shishkin and Oliver, edit freely, or tell me if a different approach is called for?

Thanks, as always, and best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 2.

January 28, 1960

Mr. Fletcher E. Campbell, Jr.
Burton Hall
Oberlin College
Oberlin, Ohio

Dear Mr. Campbell:

My apologies for this delay in replying to your letter of January 8.

We were glad to have your clear explanation of the role of the Georgia delegation in the mock convention. This organization's interest, as I explained to Miss Ferguson, would lie in the educational value of your exposition, both of the traditional point-of-view and of the newer attitudes that are coming increasingly to the fore in the school desegregation debate. Accordingly, we are enclosing our check for $50.00 payable to Oberlin College for the Georgia delegation.

It is my understanding that Ralph McGill plans to send a contribution of $25.00; I trust that your efforts and those of Miss Ferguson and the other delegates will enable you to secure the remaining funds needed.

I am also enclosing several pieces of material that will make clear the position of Atlanta's Mayor Hartsfield and "HOPE" (Help Our Public Education), Inc., the citizen organization championing open schools. You will note that "HOPE" is not merely an Atlanta organization, but also speaks for a growing number of Georgians elsewhere in the state who prefer some desegregation to the closing of the public schools.

If we can supply further information that will be helpful, don't hesitate to call on us. With good wishes for your project, I am

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

Check No.1146; $50.00
News clips - Atlanta World; Jan. 5, 1960
Atlanta Journal; Dec. 3, 1959
"HOPE" brochures

January 28, 1960

Mr. David F. Freeman
Rockefeller Brothers Fund
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, New York

Dear Dave:

The sheet circulated at the interagency meeting was for Courtney Siceloff's use. But we have checked in the enclosed directory of Southern-operating organizations the names of those who were present. A few of the second-echelon representatives are not listed, but the chief delegate of each agency present is indicated.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

January 29, 1960

Dr. John A. Griffin
Florida State University
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear John A:

It was good having you back among the faithful, old boy, and I especially appreciate your comments on the structure of the meeting.

I agree with you wholeheartedly that we need to devise a way to get the benefit of the committee members' thinking on program, avoiding at the same time so much staff reporting and the danger of involving policy people in details of program implementation.

Certainly, one thing that will help is the advance circulation of as much of the background information as possible. We will try to do more of this, although as you know there are problems; it takes time to write up this stuff along with our other essential daily functions, which means that we would have to start so far ahead that much of the material would be less than up-to-the-minute by the time of the meeting.

Another idea that has occurred to me is this: That, instead of trying to cover the waterfront in our discussion of program, the staff formulate in advance one or two or three questions of important program policy. (E. g., SRC's role in the case of displaced pupils as in Prince Edward County, our responsibilities toward national corporations active in the Southern economy, our proper type of activity in the fields of housing or employment, and so on.) We would define the problem(s) as concisely as possible in a memorandum distributed ahead of the meeting. Then the discussion would have a specific focus and, hopefully, forethought by the committee members.

Your reaction to this idea, or any better ideas that this may suggest to you, will be much appreciated.

Of course, any such plan must be a two-way street; that is, the executive committee members will also have to make an effort for it to work. Ever since I have been with SRC, most of the members have come to the meetings with one dominant thought: "How soon can I get away?" And from noon on, the number of early departures grows at a formidable rate. If we are to have any satisfactory consideration of program -- which is, after all, a serious and complicated matter -- the members must come prepared to stay at least for the prescribed duration of the meeting.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/sm
Enc.

P. S. Check for your expenses enclosed.

January 29, 1960

Dr. Albert W. Dent
President, Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Al:

We missed you at the Executive Committee meeting Tuesday. Mr. Dabbs was also prevented from attending, and I have written him a brief summary of what transpired. I thought you might like to have it also.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/sm
Enc.

January 29, 1960

Mr. L. D. Milton
President, Citizens Trust Company
212 Auburn Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Milton:

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Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/sm
Enc.

January 29, 1960

Mrs. Winifred G. Meskus
Assistant Secretary
The New World Foundation
475 Riverside Drive
New York 27, New York

Dear Winifred:

I'm more than glad to send you six more copies of our program report.

Should I send routinely six or seven copies of such reports in the future?

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/sm
Enc.

January 29, 1960

Mr. Oscar Cohen
Anti-Defamation League
515 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Oscar:

Congratulations on the appearance of the educators' statement and the effective job of layout and printing. It just goes to show that persistence can be rewarded. I hope you feel the satisfaction that you are richly due.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/sm

January 29, 1960

Mr. James McBride Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

Everyone was sorry that car trouble kept you from being with us at the executive committee meeting Tuesday. It was a well-attended and useful session with -- wonder of wonders-- some time devoted to discussion of program.

You will be getting the minutes in due course, but since we are fearfully behind in such bureaucratic matters, this is to give you a brief summary of actions taken.

1. Dr. Clement, despite his protestations, was re-elected chairman; it was agreed, however, that he will be replaced next year.

2. A proposal originating at the Annual Meeting, which calls for the Executive Committee to look into a staff retirement plan, was referred to the Personnel Committee for study and recommendations at the next meeting.

3. In the discussion of finances, it was pointed out that we will have a big drop in prospective income for 1961; it was agreed that we should try to salvage for 1961 $25,000 of the remaining $50,000 of Fund for the Republic money.

4. I reported that we had received $25,000 for special aid to state councils, and Paul Rilling presented a plan for allocation of these funds (attached), which was approved.

5. Two additional members of the nominating committee were elected -- E. T. Kehrer and Stephen Wright.

6. The staff was authorized to negotiate loans, when and if needed, with the approval of the Finance Committee.

7. The discussion of program was too long to be summarized here, but it was helpful to the staff, and, I hope, to the Executive Committee.

8. Three alternative dates were proposed for the next meeting, and members of the committee have been circularized for their preferences.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/sm
Enc. - Schedule of Special Aid

February 1, 1960

Mr. Joseph Haas
First National Bank Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Joe:

Here is a copy of the Treasury Department's letter which I discussed with you by telephone this morning. Also enclosed are a copy of the 1957 Treasury letter establishing our exemption, a copy of our charter or articles of incorporation, and an analysis of the new, revised regulations by Ted Leskes of AJC.

We are writing Washington for a copy of the Internal Revenue Bulletin of July 1959 referred to in the letter as containing the new regulations, in case they were revised after Leskes' memo was done. As soon as we get one, we will pass it on to you.

Thanks, as always, for your readiness to help us unsnarl the red tape. Until I hear from you, I am holding up payment of the first instalment of special aid to the State Councils.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/sm
Enclosures

February 1, 1960

Mr. John A. Griffin
Director of University Relations
The Florida State University
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear John:

Thank you for the note and the clippings.

Sorry, I didn't get time to chat with you at the meeting. Wish you could have stayed longer.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,

John Constable

JC/bee

February 1, 1960

Mr. Donovan A. Johnson
1919 N. E. 19th Avenue
Minneapolis 18, Minn.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

We are sorry, but we do not have a pamphlet concerning the subject of raising cotton.

Enclosed is a copy of our publications listing which may be helpful to you.

Sincerely,

John Constable

JC/bec
Encl.

February 1, 1960

Mr. Robert F. Williams
Executive Secretary
Virginia Education Association
Gamble's Hill
116 South Third Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Mr. Williams:

Thank you for your recent letter with the editorial from THE ROANOKE TIMES.

We appreciate your interest.

Sincerely,

John Constable

JC/bec

February 1, 1960

Mr. Charles C. Chandler
Asst. Prof. of Education
North Texas State College
Denton, Texas

Dear Mr. Chandler:

Enclosed is a listing of our materials in which you may be interested.

In addition, we have placed your name on our mailing list for future publications.

If we can be of additional aid, please write.

Sincerely,

John Constable

JC/bec
Encls.

February 1, 1960

Mr. William Bagwell
1818 South Main Street
High Point, N. C.

Dear Bill:

The clippings you requested are enclosed; we are glad to lend them to you.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Enclosures:
10 newsclips on Burnsville school situation

February 1, 1960

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Editorial Department
Pittsburg Courier
Pittsburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Sirs:

We would like very much to receive your "Courier Correspondence" newsletter, which we understand is mailed out from time to time and is free. Will you kindly put us on your mailing list?

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

February 1, 1960

Superintendent of Documents
U. S. Government Printing Office
Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Please send us fifteen (15) copies of the Internal Revenue Bulletin dated July 27, 1959, No. 1959-30 which contains Treasury Decision 6391. We have been informed by the local Internal Revenue Office that this document is available at 20¢ per copy; accordingly our check for $3.00 is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/rha
Enclosure (Check $3.00)

February 1, 1960

Mr. DeJongh Franklin
1585 West Paces Ferry Road, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dee:

Enclosed are copies of the request and supporting documents that I have sent to the Norman Fund. The typed proposal is self-contained enough -- and certainly long enough -- to stand alone; but I thought it proper to attach the other items for the record.

I hope you will feel that the request is reasonable and valid. Whatever the outcome, I am grateful for your advice and help.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/sm
Enclosures - Board list
Program report
Financial statement
Aid Request

February 1, 1960

Dr. Robert Bunnen
3910 Randall Mill Road, N.W.
Atlanta 5, Georgia

Dear Dr. Bunnen:

When I talked with Dee Franklin the other day, he suggested that this was the appropriate time for the Council to submit its 1960 application to the Aaron E. Norman Fund. I thought you might like to have a copy of the request as it went forward.

The typed proposal, of course, is the main thing. The other enclosures are attached merely as supplementary information.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/sm
Enclosures - Board list
Program Report
Financial Analysis
Aid Request

February 1, 1960

Mr. Nat Griswold, Exec. Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

Sorry, but we have only three copies of The SOUTHERN HERITAGE. I am mailing these to you today.

We are ordering additional copies from Doubleday, but I don't think we'll receive them in time for your meeting.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable

JC/bcc

PR FYI

February 2, 1960

Via Air Mail

Miss Jean Fairfax
American Friends Service Committee
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

Dear Jean:

Thanks for the copies of your several letters anent the Prince Edward County project. This is prompt and able follow-up.

I've tried hard to figure out a way to work it, but I just can't see much chance of getting to New York next week, or any time real soon. The best I can do is to resolve to let you and Barbara know at once if a New York trip develops.

Meanwhile, though, I should think we can strategize about fund-raising by telephone and letter.

I've been wondering about your friend in Washington who knows the Fund for the Advancement people. Have you activated him?

I should think it would be worth trying the proposal (as soon as it's final) on Field, Taconic, New World, and perhaps the New York Fund for Children (established by Marion Rosenwald Ascoli and her sister Adele Levy). Despite Dave Freeman's skeptical reaction at the interagency meeting, it would be well to talk with him further about possibilities. Of course, Patterson could be enormously helpful if he will pitch in. And other persons who might be useful intermediaries with sources of funds are Kenneth Clark, Adam Yarmolinsky, and possibly Frank Loescher. (Adam gets to New York every other week; his office address in Washington is: Barr Building, 910 - 17th Street.)

Perhaps we should work out some division of labor, I will be glad, if you like, to send the prospectus to several of the people I know best, such as Vernon Eagle, Currier and Co., Yarmolinsky, and Clark. But, in every case where you or AFSC have a relationship, a face-to-face presentation would likely be more effective.

Let me have your reactions and your own ideas when you can, and in any case I'll look forward to hearing after your talk with Patterson.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/sm

February 2, 1960

The Rev. M. Earl Cunningham
P. O. Box 871
Nashville 2, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Cunningham:

I am complimented by your invitation to address the Atlantic Coast Area Leadership School on August 9 at Clark College and am happy to accept. While I can't speak with much authority on Christian education, perhaps my comments on the changes taking place in the South will be suggestive to the group.

I shall look forward to receiving the brochure for the 1960 school and will welcome any further information or advice as to my proposed presentation.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/sm

February 2, 1960

Mr. Dan Bowers
Virginia Council on Human Relations
216-C Broad-Grace Arcade Bldg.
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Dan:

The galleys are enclosed. Some few of the corrections are the results of our own second thoughts, but the overwhelming lot of them are printer's errors.

The author of the preface (you ?) should sign it. I have marked the fifth paragraph for deletion. It would have to be rewritten, generally, for grammar if it were kept in, but my own feeling is that it is dispensable.

In my letter of November 2 to Jane Reif, of which you got a copy, I asked her to do two things--neither of which has been done. The first was to write a few extra lines on the role of the school board and Superintendent Brewbaker. I suggested that these be inserted some place on page five of the manuscript, the proper place seemed to me to be before the fourth paragraph on the bottom of galley sheet two. Did Mrs. Reif ever write these lines? If not, I am not going to struggle to get her to do so, though I think it is a fault of her work that she gives practically no attention to what was, after all, one of the central groups until very close to the end.

The second thing that I asked her to do must, however, be done, and that was to straighten out the order in which the three Defender candidates finished in the July primary. It obviously cannot be the way she has it. Please see the first paragraph in galley 12.

As I said to you over the telephone, we would be agreeable to anything, within reason, better than Mr. Scull has proposed for the layout. I share with you some doubt that a self-cover pamphlet of this size would hold together. But whatever you decide regarding this will be satisfactory. It does seem to me, however, necessary that Mr. Scull abandon the plan for a 32-page booklet. I think the table of contents is highly desirable and I am not happy with printing parts of both chapters seven and eight on the same page. If he were to add four more pages, he could get the preface off the inside cover, he could have a title page, a table of contents, could start chapter eight on a clear page, and would still have a blank inside back cover.

Incidentally, for purposes of comparison, our private school pamphlet, of which I am enclosing a copy, has a cover of 50 pound Beckett and the pages are 60 pound gloss.

Let me know if I can be of any further non-assistance in getting this launched. This is beginning to resemble one of Norfolk's ships--probably a mine-layer.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Enclosure: galley proofs
If the Schools Are Closed

February 3, 1960

Mr. George McMillan
Box 299
Aiken, South Carolina

Dear George:

We seem to have dropped the habit of exchanges of personal letters in favor of these business-type communications. A poor swap, and one which I propose to abandon.

But here is one more.

We are thinking again of the Little Rock police story and have decided that it is something we ought to do if possible. We would like to have it in print not earlier than July 1, and not later than early August. Although I understood clearly that you did not want to undertake it after the initial plans fell through, I thought that I would, because we don't have anyone else clearly in mind, write to see if it had become convenient for you to accept the assignment. The piece would still be a discription of how the Little Rock police force handled the riot last September, based primarily on an interview with the Chief. In addition, at this date, the article ought also to carry the story through its denouemant by a relatively short summary of the outcome of the trials of the dynamiters (which have now been concluded).

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As I recall, we agreed last fall on the $300 plus travel expenses. If you feel like resuming interest in the job, we would of course want you to do so on the basis of mutually satisfactory terms.

Give my best to Jean.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

February 3, 1960

Professor Frederic D. Ogden
Department of Political Science
University of Alabama
University, Alabama

Dear Dr. Ogden:

I do, of course, remember you from Gatlinburg.

We shall be very glad to have Mr. Takulia visit our offices. I suspect we shall find his views on our problems as interesting as anything he may find out from us. I have made a couple of inquiries about possible speaking engagements for him, but without any luck. We shall, however, keep trying.

I had a letter today from Mr. Takulia himself, with the suggestion that I reply in care of you, which I am doing.

Best wishes. Give my regards to Walter Bennett.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

February 3, 1960

The Rev. Henry Koestline
Pasadena Community Church
Second Avenue South at 17th St.
St. Petersburg 7, Florida

Dear Mr. Koestline:

I apologize for not answering your letter of January 14 earlier, but as you can note from the enclosure, I did get my picture taken. I hope that this, properly reduced, will be suitable. Will you drop me a card and tell me how long you want me to talk?

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Enclosure: photograph
please return, when convenient

February 3, 1960

Mr. Harbans S. Takulia
c/o Dr. Frederic D. Ogden
10 Fernwood
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Dear Mr. Takulia:

We shall be most happy to see you on February 15 at your convenience. It might be a good idea to telephone me that morning, so we will know when to expect you.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

P.S. Under separate cover I am mailing you our latest report, and a copy of a recent statement of policy. From these you will know more about the Council and its activities.

February 3, 1960

Mrs. R. H. Johnson
662 Ravenel Street
Spartanburg, S. C.

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

Thank you for your letter concerning NEW SOUTH. We appreciate you taking time out to write us your views, but we are sorry you disagree with the January article by Reverend Will Campbell.

Rev. Campbell is a Protestant minister, and his article was not intended as an attack on Protestantism. I believe he pointed out that, while the Protestant church, as an organized body, may not be in the forefront in the fight for equality of opportunity for all races, the church has trained and inspired many of those individuals who are leading this fight. I am certain also that he would not differ from your thesis that Southern whites have played a tremendous role in the "education and development of the Negro people." I personally know of many persons in your state of South Carolina who fall into this category.

We also are sorry that you do not want to continue receiving NEW SOUTH. Since your subscription expires with the February issue, we shall send that copy to you. In it, we present an article by A. M. Secrest, editor and publisher of THE CHERAW CHRONICLE in Cheraw, S. C., which will touch on the role of the "moderate" white Southerner. We hope this will interest you. Then, if we do not hear from you to the contrary, your subscription will be discontinued.

If NEW SOUTH seems "one-sided" to you, I suppose it is chiefly because we believe that equality of opportunity is a goal which must be attained if we are to continue as a great, democratic nation. We recognize, however, that the achievement of this goal may be more difficult in some sections than in others; and therefore, procedures and educational techniques should and do differ. We agree that "great care" is "necessary in the leadership." Perhaps you are aware that the Southern Regional Council is composed of Southerners, and we try to use NEW SOUTH principally as a medium for Southerners. A majority of the material contained in NEW SOUTH is of Southern origin.

Again, thank you for your interest.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/bcc

February 4, 1960

Mr. Ralph McGill, Editor
Atlanta Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ralph:

You will recall the two young ladies from Oberlin who visited you and, at your suggestion, talked with me about the forthcoming mock political convention.

I found $50 to contribute to their costs as the Georgia delegation, and I wanted you to know that it has been sent. In case you are still planning to contribute, checks should be made out and sent to Oberlin College "for the Georgia delegation, mock convention."

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/sm

February 4, 1960

Via Air Mail

Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association
of America
730 Third Avenue
New York 17, New York

Gentlemen:

The Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council is undertaking a study of possible retirement programs for the Council's central office staff of fifteen persons.

It has been suggested that possibly the Council qualifies as a participant in TIAA's programs.

Enclosed is a brief description of the Council's organization and program. In view of this information, would you please inform us of whether or not the Council may be eligible to participate in your retirement program.

Since we are hopeful of an early meeting of the Committee, your prompt attention to this request will be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/sm
Enc.

February 4, 1960

Via Air Mail

The Rev. Dan Bowers
Executive Director
Virginia Council on Human Relations
216-C Broad-Grace Arcade Building

Dear Dan:

As you may have gathered from the spate of memos which have descended upon you in recent days, we are somewhat concerned about this whole matter of tax exemption for state groups. The question was raised again by a recent Internal Revenue report on SRC which confirmed our tax exempt status but which raised a number of questions about aid to state groups. We feel that your successful experience may help us to interpret the process necessary to gain speedy decisions for other state groups.

Therefore, would you please bring all correspondence, dating from Jack's first application, concerning the VCHR's efforts to obtain tax exemption. You may already have planned to do so, but we wanted to make sure.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

February 4, 1960

Via Air Mail

National Health and Welfare Retirement
  Association, Inc.
800 Second Avenue
New York 17, New York

Gentlemen:

The Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council is undertaking a study of possible retirement programs for the Council's central office staff of fifteen persons.

Enclosed is a brief description of the Council's organization and program. In view of this information, would you please inform us of whether or not the Council may be eligible to participate in your retirement program.

In the event that we are or may be eligible would you please send us information on the type and costs of available retirement programs.

Since we are hopeful of an early meeting of the Committee, your prompt attention to this request will be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony

PA/hs

February 8, 1960

Mr. George McMillan
Box 299
Aiken, South Carolina

Dear George:

We are awfully glad that you can see your way clear to take up the Little Rock job again. Because I felt a need to clarify the project in our own thinking, I jotted down some notes. The notes are attached and are incorporated with this letter. I think they deal with all the points you raised in your letter of February 4, and I hope you will find them satisfactory.

The outline of the story is, of course, meant to be only suggestive to you, and to give you a more detailed notion of what we would like the pamphlet to contain. The list of people in Little Rock is also only meant to be suggestive. I think you would agree that these are the natural persons you might see. We have had, incidentally, cordial relations with everyone on the list except Dauley, Powell, and Patterson; these three we do not know. As to the appointment with Chief Smith, our guess is that the interview will be most readily granted if you are out there in person asking for it. At the same time, our instinct is against trying to set up the interview from here: I think this is where we may have gone wrong the last time. I suspect that Smith would feel more free to talk if the thing is not handled like a big deal with long-range negotiations back and forth. As a matter of prudence, we would try to ascertain that the Chief would be in town when you get there and I shall do so whenever you give me your schedule. As I say in my notes, you might want to drop him a line and tell him you are coming, referring to my letter of September 18, a copy of which is enclosed. Because we are are agreed that the job can't be done without talking with the Chief, I have indicated in the notes that if you cannot get to him, your commission will be reduced and your responsibilities, of course, ended. The terms seem to me to be fair, and I hope acceptable to you.

I can't remember that you did send back the clippings. I hope not, for we don't seem to have them here. At any rate, I think that what we will do is pull a highly selected group of clippings--enough simply to give you the outlines of the story, and send them on to you. The girls are awfully busy at the moment and probably won't be able to get to this until late this week; look for a packet, then, the first of next week. I believe you should come over here on your way to Little Rock, at which time you can browse to your heart's content in our files.

As I indicated in my last letter, it is our thought that the maximum effect of this would be lost if we got it out before July 1st. I think, on the other hand, it ought to be out not later than early August if it is to get any circulation before next fall's probably turbulent days. We leave, therefore, the schedule to you as to your travel, etc., but can we aim for a May 15 deadline? That would give us a good margin of time for reading, printing, and mailing.

I am enclosing a copy of the little police manual which the Anti-Defamation League finally got out a few weeks ago. Our understanding is that it was done by the Herald Tribune's police reporter. I thought it was a fairly good job when I read a draft long ago: I haven't reread it to confirm my opinion, but hopefully it is all right. What we would like to see your Little Rock thing do is to reveal, out of a concrete situation, some of the same principles which are set out in the ADL pamphlet.

Best wishes. I'll need to know your schedule when you have figured it out.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Enclosure: copy Sept. 18 letter, Chief Smith
notes re story and details

With Justice for All

February 8, 1960

Dr. Elmer H. Johnson
Assistant Director of Prisons
Prison Department,
   State of North Carolina
Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Thank you for your letter of January 27. I believe we are in agreement on everything. I note your statement that you shall not be able to begin work before April on your essay regarding Negro crime. This is satisfactory.

In answer to your inquiry, I believe it would be best that you have the final copy typed in Raleigh.

I would like to tell youa word more regarding our publication plans. We have been looking forward to issuing a series of pamphlets defining basic problems confronting contemporary Southern society. The various numbers of the series will appear without any definite schedule, simply according to when each contribution is obtained. The series will have a general title (as yet unselected) and will be attractively presented. Donald Dewey, of the Duke Economic Department, has promised us a piece on certain economic issues caused by segregation, and C. H. Parrish, of the University of Louisville Sociology Department, is at work on an analysis of the contemporary urban context of racial relations; both of these articles should end up in the series, and we hope that your study of Negro crime will also. The series will be launched, within the month probably, by the reprinting of a rather exciting (we think) address by Governor Collins of Florida; we have just within the last several days received the Governor's consent and his paper should go to the printers this week. It is a general characterization of the South at mid-century and the South's potential for national leadership. These, then, are our plans which I thought you would be interested in knowing of.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

CC: Rupert Vance
Donald Dewey
C. H. Parish

February 9, 1960

Mr. E. H. Peeples
1100 West Franklin Street, Apt. 2
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Peeples:

I was glad to note your recent letter indicating your interest in going into the field of human relations as a career. There certainly is a need for trained professional workers in this field. Most of us currently in this work came in by way of graduate work in social science or the ministry. These are reasonable channels into the field but it is encouraging to note that universities are beginning to set up programs aimed at training the intergroup professional worker.

I do not know of any scholarship program which would help you move ahead with this kind of advanced preparation. Perhaps Dan Dodson will inform you of any scholarships offered at NYU. It might be useful for you to communicate with Mr. John Lassoe, director of NAIRO, concerning the internship program which that organization coordinates for persons entering the field of intergroup relations. This would be more in the line of practical training and could not help you in your search for scholarship aid. I hope you will be able to follow through in your interest.

Let us know if we can be of service.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

via air mail February 9, 1960

Father John LaFarge, S. J.
Catholic Interracial Council
20 Vesey Street
New York 7, New York

Dear Father LaFarge:

It is a matter of regret for me that I cannot be present on February thirteenth to join in honoring you on your eightieth birthday.

This letter must serve as an inadequate expression of our appreciation, esteem, and good wishes to you on this felicitous occasion. Everyone concerned with recognition of human dignity must be eternally grateful for your leadership. You have set an example of service in this work which the rest of us may despair of equaling, but which challenges us to set our goals much higher than we otherwise would.

May this momentary pause for thanksgiving, in the midst of a still busy career, bring you the happiness that we, among your many thousands of admirers, wish for you.

Most sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 9, 1960

The Rev. Will Campbell
National Council of Churches
P. O. Box 1083
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Will:

I thought your Vanderbilt Chapel address a significant and powerful effort which I hope will receive wide circulation.

It touched even us pagans.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

February 10, 1960

Mr. Will Maslow
American Jewish Congress
15 East 84th Street
New York 28, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Maslow:

We would like to order 100 copies of your publication, The Myths of Racial Integration. Our understanding is that the cost will be 25¢ each for orders of 100 or more. Will you please bill us?

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

Also ordered: 1 copy
Lets Be Human
by Harry Fleischman

February 10, 1960

Mr. Marvin D. Wall
Acting Executive Director
Southern School News
P. O. Box 6156
Acklen Station
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Wall:

I wonder if you could enlarge upon the figures presented in February Southern School News regarding desegregation in public colleges and universities in the South. We want to use such information in a small publication that we are getting out, and are having a bit of difficulty in reconciling figures from various sources. It would be very helpful, therefore, if you could give us the following information:

1) You report that 124 of 195 formerly all-white institutions in 14 states are desegregated in practice or principle. We assume that the 14 states are all the old 17 state region plus the District of Columbia, less Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, and South Carolina, in which no schools of higher education are desegregated; but could you please confirm this?

2) Do your records show how many formerly all white institutions in Arkansas, Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia are desegregated in practice or principle? How many formerly all Negro institutions in these same states?

3) We assume that both the 195 formerly all white institutions and the 30 formerly all Negro institutions mentioned in your article are tax-supported schools.

4) Are junior colleges included in your figures?

We hate to bother you with this sort of meddlesome question, but we would appreciate your help.

May I take this opportunity of extending our con~~t~~gratulations to you on moving into the editorship of Southern School News.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

February 10, 1960

Professor Elliott Mr.Rudwick
School of Social Welfare
The Florida State University
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Mr. Rudwick:

I think you have had remarkable success in getting 300 replies out of 357 inquiries. Such returns are not usually granted to us. It would be valuable to have replies from the 18 cities of our 1954 survey which have not responded to you. A lot has changed since 1954, and it may be that these places feel less disposed now than then to cooperate in such a survey. Frankly, I think the chances are practically nil that any city which would not reply to you, even after several solicitations, would reply to us. For this reason I am dubious as to the value of our making the effort. Now that I have said this, I leave it up to you. If you still would like for us to try, we are agreeable to sending out your questionnaire under our letterhead, though with small belief in any return.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Enclosures: thermafax copies,
police survey 1950, 1953, 1954
(these are all we have on file)

cc- Mrs. Wm. Murdoch MacLeod
United Church Women
475 Riverside Drive
New York 27, N. Y.

February 10, 1960

Mrs. Francis R. Crawford
906 High Street
Farmville, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Crawford:

I suppose you know of the meeting of NOW, NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN meeting in Washington, D. C., February 17-19. (See enclosed)

I think you would have much to contribute to that Conference. The Fellowship of the Concerned will finance the trip for you if you find it possible to attend.

If you want a check in advance, please estimate your travel cost, hotel bill, food, etc, plus the $10.00 registration fee, and let us know the amount and check will be sent you.

Here's hoping you will go.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/bec
Encl.
(Dictated by Mrs. Tilly, signed in her absence)

February 10, 1960

Mrs. Wm. Murdoch MacLeod
General Director
United Church Women
National Council of the Churches of Christ
In the U. S. A.
475 Riverside Drive
New York 27, New York

Dear Mrs. MacLeod:

I have been in the depths of the deep since I saw you. Mr. Tilly was in a much more serious condition than we thought and he just has not rallied from the operation. On top of all this I fell in the hospital the second day he was there and broke two ribs. Hence, I've not been in the office and home problems have left me no time or thought for anything else.

I am writing Mrs. Crawford right now and urging her to go to the Washington meeting and the Fellowship of the Concerned will finance the trip.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/bcc

Do not circulate

via air mail February 10, 1969

Mr. A. Dudley Ward
Board of Social and Economic Relations
The Methodist Church
740 Rush Street
Chicago 11, Illinois

Dear Dudley:

It's always a bit delicate for one organization to try to interpret or evaluate another operating in the same field. But I take it your inquiry regarding the Southern Conference Educational Fund is strictly for your own purposes, and that any comments of mine will be regarded as personal and private.

I am enclosing a leaflet, published by SCEF, which gives that organization's own statement of purposes and functions.

A few comments that may be pertinent: (1) SCEF is not tax-exempt; some years back, the Internal Revenue Service revoked its exempt status, holding that it was engaged in "carrying on propaganda." Thus SCEF is free to engage in political and legislative activities, and does to some extent.

(2) SCEF is more "controversial" than most organizations of this kind. It has been investigated by the Eastland Committee, and has been held by the House Un-American Activities Committee to be Communist-tainted. A fair number of people of liberal racial views dislike or distrust Dombrowski and will not work with the organization in any way.

(3) From what I have read of the investigations and attacks on SCEF, it doesn't seem to me that Communist activity or domination has been proved. Certainly SCEF includes in its leadership (board, meetings, etc.) many sincere persons who are above such suspicions.

(4) SCEF's effectiveness, in my opinion, is severely limited. It doesn't reach or involve many white Southerners of influence. It does have the support of a good many Negro leaders of stature, though not all. In its publications and pronouncements, it takes a very militant anti-segregation position.

(5) In addition to race relations, SCEF has carried on a major campaign against what it calls "witch-hunting" in general, and for the abolition of the House Un-American Activities Committee in particular. Its field secretaries are Carl and Anne Braden, who were involved in the widely publicized "sedition" case in Louisville. Carl Braden is currently appealing a sentence for contempt of the House Committee for his refusal to answer questions about alleged Communist sympathies. He didn't plead the Fifth Amendment, but invoked the "free-speech" protection of the First Amendment.

(6) We have never joined in any cooperative efforts or otherwise worked with SCEF. This is not because we regard it as Communistic, but because we disagree with many of its policies and methods. Often, it seems to us, SCEF shows poor judgment and lack of proper concern for the reputations and community situations of the persons it seeks to involve. Moreover, we see no wisdom in linking race relations activity with a campaign to abolish the Un-American Activities Committee. Achieving desegregation and equal opportunity in the South is a sufficiently large task in itself, without adding other emotional and controversial issues.

(7) Finally, we have felt our proper role was to cast no stones, but cheerfully to let SCEF go its way while SRC does the same. History can decide whether one or both of us had the right notion of how to carry on this work.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

February 11, 1960

Mr. Jerold A. Williams
Social Studies Teacher
Reedsport Union High School
District U-13
Reedsport, Oregon

Dear Mr. Williams:

We no longer have the pamphlet, Understanding Our Neighbors. I mailed you, last week, several more recent pamphlets issued by us which may be of help to you in presenting the Southern point of view on the racial question. The problem is, there are so many Southern points of view; ours is one, and we support it with factual, objective publications.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
- Three Views, Segregation Decision
- Next Steps
- The Negro and the Ballot in the South
- New South, September & October, 1959
- Concern

February 11, 1960

Dr. Lawrence W. Towner
History Department
College of William and Mary
Williamsburg, Virginia

Dear Dr. Towner:

We have read an account, in the Richmond News-Leader, of a report given by you on January 20 to the Williamsburg Area Interracial Study Group. We would like to receive a copy of this study by the education committee, if you have one available.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

February 11, 1960

Miss Marjorie W. Longley
School Service
The New York Times
Times Square
New York 36, N. Y.

Dear Miss Longley:

We want to express to you our appreciation for sending us the 100 copies of the current affairs publication, Integration and Segregation.

We have so many requests for information--from students, writers, teachers, ministers and people doing research--and these will, therefore, be helpful to us in supplying their needs.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

February 11, 1960

The Rev. Cornelius C. Tarplee
Associate Executive Secretary
Division of Christian Citizenship
P. O. Box 853
Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Neil:

I am afraid you think we have been inexcusably slow in regard to your paper. The explanation is rather complicated and doesn't bear going into. Briefly, we all of a sudden came into possession of several addresses which seemed of more than usual interest; the problem was what to do with each, if anything, and the bottleneck to the whole decision-making process was waiting upon Governor Collins of Florida, who has now given his consent to publication of one of his speeches. Once we got this, other things fell into place.

We would like to print your address in leaflet form. We would try to distribute it carefully and widely to clergymen and church groups as well as some others on our normal distribution list. Any suggestions you have for distribution will be gratefully received.

I am returning the address, as you requested, for your revisions. Whenever you can send it back, we shall go ahead with the printing.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

P.S. As a matter of fact, the leaflet would be in a way distinctive, or at least will be distinctively marked, to indicate that it is one of a series of notable addresses which we shall print from time to time as we have opportunity.

February 11, 1960

Mr. William Oliver
Co-Director, Fair Practices Department
United Automobile Workers of America
8000 E. Jefferson Street
Detroit 14, Michigan

Dear Bill:

Our Executive Committee, at a meeting just held, discussed at some length the financial needs and prospects of SRC in 1960. Among the questions raised was that of UAW support.

As you know, after many years of annual contributions from UAW, we had no response to our requests for continued assistance in 1958 and 1959. We have assumed that special problems made it necessary to suspend the contributions for those two years. But before submitting another formal request to Walter Reuther, I need an authentic word on the situation. Will you let me know, as frankly as you like, what the prospects are for a resumption of the UAW's contribution?

I needn't tell you that, for us, it is not solely a matter of financial aid. The presence of the UAW among SRC's contributors stands for more than money among our members and friends.

I will be more than grateful for the information and advice you can give me.

With all best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 11, 1960

Mr. Boris Shishkin
Civil Rights Committee, AFL-CIO
815 Sixteenth Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Shishkin:

Our Executive Committee, meeting here recently, was heavily concerned with the financial needs and prospects of the Southern Regional Council in 1960. At the end of our discussion, Paul Christopher suggested that I ask your advice regarding our annual request for a contribution from the AFL-CIO.

As you know, the Council has had such assistance for many years; prior to the merger, it came from both the AFL and the CIO. Following the merger this support was combined in a contribution of $2,000, which was increased in 1957 to $3,000. In 1958 and 1959, however, the contribution was cut to $1,000.

This year, we strongly hope that the AFL-CIO's support of the Council's work can be raised at least to the previous level of $3,000 -- and, if possible, increased to $5,000. Our feeling that this is a reasonable amount to request is based in part on the needs of the Council. Our budget has grown with our program activities, in response to the urgency of Southern problems, and the heightened demands for the services only an organization like the Council can render.

But no less important is our conviction that the Council shares a common purpose with organized labor in working to advance civil rights in the most difficult part of the country. The annual support which the AFL-CIO gives to this work is not only much-needed financial help; it is also some measure of the extent to which this sense of mutual purpose and confidence is shared by labor's top leadership. Therefore, we attach a special importance to the proportion of our budget contributed by labor in general and the AFL-CIO in particular.

Your frank counsel on what we may realistically request this year, and the kind of application that will best put our case, will be deeply appreciated.

Of course, I needn't tell you that this question has no bearing at all on our readiness to cooperate with the Civil Rights Department and every segment of the labor movement.

The Southern Regional Council's working relationship with labor is a valued and abiding aspect of its program.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 12, 1960

Mr. P. D. East
P. O. Box 349
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear P. D.:

Your letter, as always, brought me joy. That is until I read the first paragraph and found that I am in your books as that fellow who didn't, by God, even answer.

Now, to the best of my recollection, P. D., that's a half truth -- which, I admit, is a damn sight better than we usually get down here. The thing you are overlooking is that I am a small-time Bureaucrat. And when your letter came in and I didn't know what the answer was and was about to head out to an Important Conference (up North, of course), I simply bucked your query to Paul Anthony, who is an even lesser Bureaucrat and who is supposed to know about those subscriptions.

I guess the thing to do now is for me to memorandize Anthony and ask him for a Report on the Disposition made of your letter. If he is developing properly, he will find somebody else to pass the buck to. In any case, we have been passing a few bucks to you, I know; I didn't write you any letters, but I signed the checks. If we can find any more suckers (or bucks of our own) we will channel them your way.

Will Campbell keeps me posted on your progress or lack of it, in his usual vague way.

Why don't you hitch-hike to Atlanta sometime? And what are you doing at the Holiday Inn, anyway?

Picture of Our Leader coming at you separately. Meanwhile, blessings on you and your house and your non-profit activity.

Yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 12, 1960

Mr. John McKenzie
Higgins-McArthur Company
302 Hayden, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear John:

Please print 2,500 copies of "Racial Differences in Academic Achievement," galleys for which were returned to you yesterday. Publication is to be in the form we have discussed, and the completed bulletins are to have marginal holes punched according to the enclosed pattern and are to be folded for number ten envelope.

Sincerely yours,

LWD:a

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

Enclosure:
1 sheet L-report paper, punched

February 12, 1960

Mr. Walter Spearman
Department of Journalism
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Walter:

Sylvan Meyer brought in his essay on Wednesday, and so we ought, shortly and at last, to be arriving in print.

I am sorry about the commas. We do prefer to use commas after all terms in a series except the last. On the other hand, you certainly are right about the placing of commas before a quotation introduced by "that". What may have confused us is that a couple of these quotations were begun with a capital letter, which, according to the University of Chicago Manual of Style, 1949 edition, (sections 31 and 139) is as superfluous as the comma. All is taken care of, however, and I am grateful that you caught our heavy-handedness.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

February 12, 1960

Mr. Albert J. Phiebig
P. O. Box 352
White Plains, New York

Dear Mr. Phiebig:

Thank you for your request. NEW SOUTH issues until 1955 were ten cents a copy or $1.10 a year. From 1955 to date the price is $2.00 per year. We are not able to fill the order completely for each year since some issues are out of stock, but we will be glad to do our best.

Again thanks.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec

February 12, 1960

Miss Susan Ollila
4518 N. St. Louis
Chicago 25, Illinois

Dear Miss Ollila:

"Understanding Our Neighbors" is now out of print, but we are enclosing our publications listing from which you may find something of interest to your group. If so, please let us know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec
Enclosure

February 12, 1960

Mrs. Tina Mayberry
606 Travis Street
Richmond, Texas

Dear Mrs. Mayberry:

Enclosed is a list of publications distributed by the Southern Regional Council as you requested. We are sorry but "America's Tenth Man," published by SRC, is now out of print. If anything else on the list will be of help to you, please let us know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec
Enclosure

February 12, 1960

Mrs. Eugene Alexander
413 N. Alleghany Avenue
Covington, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Alexander:

Enclosed is a sample copy of NEW SOUTH and the list of publications which you requested. If we can be of additional help, please let us know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec
Enclosure

February 12, 1960

Mrs. D. L. Lawson
234 - 8th Street, S. E.
Winter Haven, Florida

Dear Mrs. Lawson:

We have two pamphlets that are fairly recent concerning the Negro voter. One is The Negro Voter In The South; the other is The Negro And The Ballot. Enclosed is a publications listing which might be of help to you in your selection of materials.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec
Enclosure

February 12, 1960

Miss Mae I. Fitzgerald
Office of the Librarian
LeMoyne College
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Miss Fitzgerald:

Thank you for your request for materials for your Conference. Enclosed is a publications listing which may be of use to you in your selection of materials. Please let us know which of this material will best suit your needs.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec
Enclosure

February 12, 1960

The Rev. Andrew Schulze
Executive Secretary
Lutheran Human Relations Assoc. of America
Valparaiso University
Valparaiso, Indiana

Dear Mr. Schulze:

Thank you for your letter and for your kind comments about Mr. Campbell's article. The copies of NEW SOUTH you ordered are on the way.

The copy of The VANGUARD is interesting, and I wonder if you would like to exchange with NEW SOUTH. If so, please let me know and I will place The VANGUARD on our mailing list as an exchange.

Again thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec

Same To
S.C.
except for figures

February 12, 1960

The Rev. Dan Bowers
Executive Director
Virginia Council on Human Relations
216-C Broad-Grace Arcade Building
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Dan:

The Southern Regional Council has received again this year special funds from an individual donor for assistance to state groups. This comes from the same source as the special assistance last year. Again, however, we have no indication or reason to believe that this assistance will be repeated yet another year.

The Executive Committee met Tuesday, January 26, and approved a procedure for allocating these special funds. It was the feeling of the Committee that the funds should be subject to some conditions so as to encourage local fund-raising efforts, expanded program, etc. It was the opinion of the group that such special funds could best be used in support of those Councils which have a firm financial base and increasing support from within the state.

The Executive Committee approved the earmarking of $3,000 of these special funds for the Virginia Council. We are enclosing a check for $1,500, or half of this amount. Some or all of the remaining $1,500 will be made available to the Virginia Council in June, on the basis of matching evenly all funds raised by the Virginia Council in excess of $3,500 during the first two quarters of this fiscal year (December 1, 1959 - June 1, 1960.) To qualify for the entire $3,000, in other words, the Virginia Council must raise through its own resources and exclusive of SRC or foundation support, a total of $5,000 during this period.

It is our hope that this type of condition will not prove an extra burden, but will make it possible for you to stimulate increased support for the Virginia Council throughout the state.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

Enc.

February 12, 1960

American Automobile Association
1712 G Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

Please send us your Southeastern Accommodations Directory for 1959; and your Western Accommodations Directory, if this includes Texas and Oklahoma, for 1959. Statement for the cost should be sent to the Southern Regional Council, at the above address.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

February 15, 1960

Via Air Mail

Mrs. C. J. Lindemann
The Women's Council for Interracial Cooperation
1121 Surrey Crescent
Norfolk 8, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Lindemann:

I find that I will not be getting to Virginia on my regular business during February or March. In fact, it seems according to my present plans that I may not be coming into Virginia until sometime in early May. I am sorry that my travel plans don't seem to be working out so conveniently as regarding your schedule, but I believe you understand that it would be difficult for me to come to Virginia for just one program, in view of the expense involved. Perhaps Dan Bowers of the Virginia Council could meet your program need.

In the meantime, all I can say is that I will let you know when I plan to be in Virginia and you can talk with people such as Jim Brewer and Dan Bowers concerning related activities that might bring me to the state soon.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

February 15, 1960

Dr. G. W. C. Brown, Supervisor
Evening College and Adult Services
Norfolk Division
Virginia State College
Norfolk 12, Virginia

Dear Dr. Brown:

It is not possible at this time for me to give you definite word concerning my involvement in your workshop this summer because of some uncertainty concerning my own vacation plans. If I am in the area and on the job during this period, I would be most pleased to come to Norfolk. I will be taking some vacation, however, during June or July and am making no commitments for this period until these plans are final. I will let you know as soon as I know myself.

In the meantime, you had better look elsewhere or put me down tentatively, as you prefer.

I was most interested in the brochure of the National Institute of Fundamental Education. Its purpose certainly describes a vitally needed area of activity. Since you asked for my critical reactions, however, I would say that perhaps it is too broad and general in its objectives and does not indicate in sufficient detail the type of program activities contemplated by the Institute. I think you would have a better chance of securing foundation assistance if you developed a proposal to foundations somewhat more detailed and specific as to your plans.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

February 15, 1960

Via Air Mail

Right Rev. Msgr. F. N. Pitt
Archdiocese of Louisville
151 South Fifth Street
Louisville 2, Kentucky

Dear Monsignor Pitt:

We very much appreciate the interest you indicated in the possibility of allowing some of the children from Prince Edward County to attend some of the Catholic schools in Louisville. This possibility has been passed on to the people in Prince Edward County and we hope to have quite soon some reaction either to us, or directly to you.

In the meantime I am enclosing some data indicating the ages of the children. As you can see, there are many in need at all age levels. I imagine that it might be possible for us to find some funds to take care of board for a small group.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm
Enc.

February 15, 1960

The Rev. Dan Bowers
Executive Director
Virginia Council on Human Relations
216-C Broad-Grace Arcade Building
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Dan:

Sorry we are late getting this particular information to you. Jean Fairfax has already been informed of it and may have discussed it with Mr. Griffin. If there are children who wish to take advantage of this opportunity, they would have the further advantage of participating in a desegregated setup. As usual, it would be well if Mr. Griffin could acknowledge the letter. I am not sending a copy directly to him, thinking that you might wish to take it up directly with him yourself.

Sincerely,

Paul Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm
Enc.

February 15, 1960

Miss Florence Irving
1003 Duke Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Florence:

Thank you for the clippings you have been sending, they have been most helpful. There is nothing started here yet, although there have been rumors.

My sister sent me the clippings from Winston-Salem which were most interesting also.

Enclosed is a pamphlet done by a group of people ih Atlanta. I thought you might be interested in it and the news release which I did for them. It got some newspaper coverage here and I understand quite a bit of radio coverage.

Again thanks and very best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Enclosures

February 16, 1960

Mr. Galen Martin
Box 887
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Galen:

Thanks for the minutes. They will be mailed out as soon as we get from Ed Brown the name of his project.

Tennessee seems all over the news. All best wishes on the "Knoxville Plan."

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

February 16, 1960

Mr. Benjamin Muse
Manassas,
Virginia

Dear Ben:

Your answers to Mr. Brewbaker concerning expenses, seem quite adequate. Actually, the $12.00 subsistence arrangement is one that we have worked out with you and we make the rules as we go along. If you and Mr. Brewbaker would prefer we can revert to the usual system af paying actual expenses, though either arrangement is satisfactory to us.

There are several minor questions. Will Mr. Brewbaker's expenses be sent to you or directly to us? If sent to us, would you like a periodic accounting? When next you are in Atlanta we will go over all of these and make such arrangements as you think necessary.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

February 16, 1960

Mrs. J. N. Rayzor
3207 Groveland Lane
Houston, Texas

Dear Mrs. Rayzor:

We are ever so grateful for the clippings and further generous contribution you recently sent.

The reports of the annual council of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas were most encouraging. These developments certainly demonstrate the outstanding leadership of Bishop Hines about which you have told us.

In this connection, you should know that Mr. Dabbs wrote Bishop Hines, inviting him to SRC membership, some time ago. At last report, there had been no reply. The explanation is probably that the Bishop has been too busy to reply; but it occurred to me that he might have felt his earlier informal agreement to serve, if elected, was acceptance enough.

I hesitate to trouble you further about this, but if you should have occasion to talk with the Bishop, it would be most helpful if you would clear this up. We need a brief letter of assent from him before we can add him officially to our list of members.

With appreciation and best personal regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure~~s~~ -1. (official receipt)

February 16, 1960

Miss Fay Jackson
212 North 17th Street
Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

Dear Miss Jackson:

There are no branches of the Southern Regional Council. We do, however, cooperate with a number of state councils on human relations throughout the South. Unfortunately, the Texas Council on Human Relations is not one of the more active of such organisations. The Texas Council depends on lay leadership and is not served by professional staff. The president of the Texas Council is Mrs. James S. Crate, 8510 Ferris Street, Houston. You might want to get in touch with her on your return to Texas.

We also work rather closely with the Houston Council on Human Relations, a fairly promising group in the Houston area. Mr. James Noland of the Houston Council of Churches would be your contact in this group. His address is Greater Houston Council of Churches, 9 Chelsea Place.

Concerning other groups working in the direction of better race relations in Texas, you might want to contact the following offices:

Anti-Defamation League, Suite 209, 2405 San Jacinto Street, Houston.
Southwestern Region, N.A.A.C.P., 2600 Flora Street, Room 107 & 8, Dallas.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

February 16, 1960

Mrs. Roger Boyle
R. F. D. #3
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Patty:

I understand from Dan Bowers that you have resigned from the board of the Virginia Council. Although I am sure you have good and sufficient reasons for any action you take, I was somewhat surprised and grieved to learn of your resignation. I know of very few people in the entire South who have been of greater help in the continued effort toward a desegregated society. You have been a symbol and a source of great morale and encouragement to me and others in and out of Virginia. I particularly appreciated the opportunity of knowing and working with you last year.

I hope that your resignation does not imply any disillusionment or lack of confidence in Dan Bowers or the Virginia Council, but I am very much afraid that it does, knowing the depth of your commitment on these matters.

At any rate, I will feel free to continue to seek counsel with you from time to time and hope that we can get together during some of my infrequent future trips to Virginia.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

February 16, 1960

Dr. Rufus Atwood
Kentucky Council on Human Relations
P. O. Box 338
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Atwood:

The question has been raised by the Department of Internal Revenue concerning our continued assistance to groups which do not have tax exemption. I believe that the Kentucky Council does have a tax exempt status, but in view of the present situation, we feel it necessary to have proof of such status on file here.

Could you send me a copy of the letter granting such status to the Kentucky Council, or if you prefer, send the letter and we will photostat it and return it to you.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

via air mail February 16, 1960

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
Executive Vice-President
The Field Foundation, Inc.
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Max:

What with travel and meetings, it has taken several days to clear up some questions about the Alabama Council request.

Evidently Father Foley didn't make it clear that the proposal he left with you was a draft which has not been approved and which is expected to undergo major revision. A space for my signature was provided simply as an indication of the Alabama Council's hope that SRC would endorse the proposal.

As a matter of fact, we have a number of reservations about the proposed project and have so indicated to Father Foley and the other officers of the Alabama Council. Judging by your letter, I think it likely that our doubts are similar to yours. However, some parts of the project have a lot of merit and are supported by successful precedents elsewhere in the South.

Since the proposal has yet to be revised, it might be better for me to reserve more detailed comments until the final document is before you. At that time, I will write you further.

As you may know, the Alabama Council has applied for, but not yet received, federal tax-exemption. This is another reason why formal consideration of a proposal now would be premature.

The questions you raise about the human relations councils in general are pertinent, and deserve a more complete answer than I can give here. Instead, I should like to send you as soon as possible a memorandum on the accomplishments, problems, and usefulness of the state councils. I will also be writing you separately and shortly about the South Carolina proposal.

Unfortunately, I see no likelihood of my getting to New York this month, but when my next trip there is scheduled I will write ahead in the hope that we can get together.

My best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 16, 1960

Mr. Nat R. Griswold, Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

Sorry but Mike Wallace's transcript is out of stock.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec

February 16, 1960

Via Air Mail

Dr. Gordon Lewis
Rollins College
Winter Park, Florida

Dear Dr. Lewis:

As indicated in Harold Fleming's recent letter, I hope to have a conference with you fairly soon so that we may think together about future plans for the Florida Council and may talk through some of our concerns before the next board meeting of the Florida Council. As indicated in the previous letter, I could come either the last week in February or the first week in March. Would ~~Wednesday~~ Thursday, February 25 be a convenient time for me to come to Gainesville to meet with you? I hope to take care of several concerns during one trip to Florida, so I will wait for your reply before making further plans.

If this is a convenient time, would you indicate what time of day you might be available. If not, would you suggest a more convenient date.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

February 16, 1960

Via Air Mail

Dr. Hal Lewis
University of Florida
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Dr. Lewis:

As indicated in Harold Fleming's recent letter, I hope to have a conference with you fairly soon so that we may think together about future plans for the Florida Council and may talk through some of our concerns before the next board meeting of the Florida Council. As indicated in the previous letter, I could come either the last week in February or the first week in March. Would Wednesday, February 24 be a convenient time for me to come to Gainesville to meet with you? I hope to take care of several concerns during one trip to Florida, so I will wait for your reply before making further plans.

If this is a convenient date, would you indicate what time of day you might be available. If not, would you suggest a more convenient time.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

February 16, 1960

The Rev. Dan Bowers
Executive Director
Virginia Council on Human Relations
216-C Broad-Grace Arcade Building
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Dan:

I am enclosing a copy of the Tuskegee report as you request. I don't know what "disturbing scuttlebutt" you heard. I have heard no particular reactions to it here except that it seems to some of us somewhat superficial and scetchy compared to some of the reports they have issued in recent years.

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K

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm
Enc.

February 17, 1960

Mr. James B. Jalenak
Branford College
Yale University
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Jalenak:

We are sending under separate cover our two recent surveys of Negro voting in the South; there is no charge.

In answer to your query, we did accumulate considerable material in preparation of these reports. This would include both field surveys and some statistical background. We also maintain current fiels of newspaper clippings and other materials on suffrage. Unfortunately, these things are not in shape for mailing out. You would be, however, alltogether welcome to work through our files if you are ever in Atlanta.

Sincerely,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Mailed separately:
The Negro Voter in the South (1956)
The Negro and the Ballot in the South (1958)

Green + original copies
ret. to PA.

February 17, 1960

Mr. S. H. Ourbacker
Senior Consultant Nat'l Health + Welfare Retirement Assn.
2613 - 27th Street
Parkersburg, West Virginia

Dear Mr. Ourbacker:

Thank you for your letter of February 13th.

In view of the information contained therein, I assume that the Council is not available as a participant in the National Health and Welfare Retirement Association. The Council is neither a health nor welfare organization but rather has its tax exemption under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code as an educational organization.

We are not, incidentally, a member of the Atlanta Community Services, but rather are supported entirely from private contributions.

If we have misinterpreted the information in your letter, I would be pleased and grateful to know of this.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

February 17, 1960

Miss Ivis Calvet
Catholic Interracial Council
20 Vesey Street
New York 7, N. Y.

Dear Miss Calvet:

You are welcome to reprint our L-Report No. 15, and we are grateful for your interest. I have one suggestion for a small change, if it is reprinted. Some of your readers, I suspect, would not know how to follow up on our referral to Wey and Corey, Action Patterns in School Desegregation. I think it would be helpful if you completed the citation by adding: "published by Phi Delta Kappa, 8th and Union Streets, Bloomington, Ind."

As a matter of fact, Phi Delta Kappa has been using us for a good part of its distribution of the book, and we have free copies available upon request. I do not think you would want to note this in your reprint, but you might wish to have the information.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

February 17, 1960

Mr. John Lassoe
Executive Secretary
National Association of Intergroup
 Relations Officials
Room 209, 426 West 58th Street
New York, 19, New York

Dear John:

In order to become a working Southern chairman, may I request the following:

1. A delimitation of my territory. (I am not sure I remember it correctly.)
2. A list of those who are presently members in this area.
3. A modest supply of stationery.
4. A modest number of flyers and membership blanks.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

February 17, 1960

Dr. Philip Weltner
3147 Lanier Drive N. E.
Atlanta 19, Georgia

Dear Dr. Weltner:

Will you please place us on your mailing list for any reports you have put out, or may put out? We are very much interested, and noted the editorial in the Atlanta Journal on January 27 regarding your recommendation to the Fulton County Council.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

send to:

Research
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

February 17, 1960

Southern Education Reporting Service
1109 - 19th Avenue, South
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Sirs:

Will you please send us four copies of Southern Schools: Progress and Problems in the paper back edition, and bill the Southern Regional Council at the above address.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

February 18, 1960

Mrs. Frances T. Cahn
Director of Program Planning
White House Conference on Children
and Youth
330 Independence Avenue, S. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Cahn:

Thank you for your letter of February 9 giving Mr. Fleming full details of his part on the program of the Golden Anniversary of WHCCY.

The application for hotel reservations, which y ou enclosed, has been filled in and mailed today. We will make certain that a copy of Mr. Fleming's speech is in your hands before the March 15 deadline, as you have requested.

Mr. Fleming should be listed in your Conference program as follows:

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council

I'm sure Mr. Fleming is looking forward to participation in this important program.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mildred Flowers
Secretary to the Director

MF

February 18, 1960

Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky
Barr Building
910 - 17th Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Adam:

It was good being with you and Vernon last weekend.

I am returning herewith the copy of your San Juan talk. We have made copies, one of which I am sending to Vernon. It's a fine job and ought to be published; it seems to me Vernon or Frank Loescher would be logical people to place it pro bono publico.

Meanwhile, may I assume your consent for us to circulate copies to our state councils on human relations and maybe a few other friends? To save you correspondence, I will so assume unless I hear to the contrary within a week or so.

Yours for enrollment officers and repeal of the Indiana blue laws.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P. S. -- Why hasn't NAIRO published your talk? Their constituents need it.

HCF

February 18, 1960

Mr. Joseph Haas
1116 First National Bank Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Joe:

Your letter to Mr. Worley of the Internal Revenue Service is excellent. I only hope he will reply as clearly, and soon.

Your help on this is invaluable and deeply appreciated by all of us.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 18, 1960

Mr. Galen Martin
Staff Secretary
Knoxville Area Human Relations Council
312 Empire Building
Knoxville 1, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Martin:

Thank you for your order of SRC material. We are mailing it to you under separate cover. Enclosed is another copy of the list which you requested in your letter.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Luel E. Cummings
Secretary to the Director of
Information

/lec
Enclosure

via air mail February 18, 1960

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
Executive Vice-President
The Field Foundation, Inc.
250 Park Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Max:

This is in reply to your query about the request submitted by Mrs. Spearman for the South Carolina Council on Human Relations.

I am confident that both of the questions you raise can be answered positively. The amount requested would be used for the coordinating work described, not for general operating expenses of the organization. I base this judgment not only on the request, but also on our knowledge here of the South Carolina Council's budget and expectable income.

I should think it unlikely that the NAACP staff member would view this as competitive activity. The South Carolina Council has had a close and cooperative relationship with the state NAACP and has enjoyed the confidence of its leaders. Moreover, Mrs. Spearman's mention of the new director suggests to me that the matter was discussed and agreement reached.

In general, we feel the function Mrs. Spearman describes is a useful one for this hard-core state -- and one at which the South Carolina Council has made a promising start. The proposal doesn't make as clear as it should the precise relationship of the South Carolina Council on Human Relations to the projected South Carolina Coordinating Council of Negro Organizations. If necessary, no doubt Mrs. Spearman could clear this up with another letter.

I am enclosing some summary background material on the state councils which you may find generally helpful in assessing their roles in the Southern states.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
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February 19, 1960

Mrs. Barbara Wells
Office Secretary
The United Christian Missionary
Society
222 South Downey Avenue
Indianapolis 7, Indiana

Dear Mrs. Wells:

In reply to your letter dated February 16, 1960, wish to advise that the material requested on your order #28314 was sent via of Railway Express Agency on January 11, 1960.

If, by this time the material requested has not been received, please notify the Railway Express Agency in your city or let us know and we will try to trace it from here. We are enclosing a copy of our receipt.

If we can be of further assistance, please let us hear from you.

Sincerely,

Bernice C. Cook (Mrs.)
Subscription Clerk

c
Encl.

February 19, 1960

Mr. Robert J. Greene
American Jewish Committee
Room 805, Continental Building
1012 - 14th Street, N. W.
Washington 24, D. C.

Dear Mr. Greene:

Thanks for your welcome letter of February 5.

Paul Rilling was succeeded by a very able and energetic man named Daniel Bowers, a Presbyterian minister whose action impulses exceed the limitations of an Alabama pulpit. I know he would be delighted to see you the next time you are in Richmond. The address and telephone number are:

Virginia Council on Human Relations
216-C Broad-Grace Arcade Building
Richmond 19, Virginia
ALpine 5-6483

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 19, 1960

Mr. Hans Spiegel, Director
Community Tensions Center
Springfield College
Springfield 9, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Spiegel:

Your letter of February 2 and the report enclosed were most welcome. I hope you will forgive my delay in replying -- the result of an excess of travel and meetings.

I should be delighted to get together with you the next time I am in New York. Since my forays above the Potomac are usually of the one-and-two-day variety, I see little chance of getting to Springfield, much as I might wish to. But I will certainly write you in advance of my next New York trip.

It is pleasant to learn that you began the courtship of your wife-to-be on these premises. As it happens, I did precisely the same thing -- and with the same results. The proximity of altar and organ undoubtedly is effective.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

BC: Mr. Irving Carlyle

February 19, 1960

Mr. Jack Clareman
Secretary
The Christopher Reynolds Foundation
3040 Salmon Tower Building
11 West 42nd Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Mr. Clareman:

Thank you for your recent letter informing us of the Foundation's decision that it cannot assist the Council further at this time.

We understand, of course, the problem which support of an organization for an indefinite period might create for the Foundation.

Needless to say, we hope that the work of the Council will merit aid from the Christopher Reynolds Foundation again in the future. Meanwhile, I should like to continue to send you copies of the releases and reports which the Council issues from time to time.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 19, 1960

Mr. Richard Nesmith, Chairman
Department of Sociology
MacMurra~~r~~y College
Jacksonville, Illinois

Dear Mr. Nesmith:

As far as I can tell, I will be in the office and available on April 1, as well as other members of our staff.

We shall be happy to have you and your group meet with us at 3:00 p.m. on that date.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 19, 1960

Mr. Joseph Haas
1116 First National Bank Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Haas:

Following the instructions of the Executive Committee, the Personnel Committee has scheduled a meeting to consider the possibilities of a retirement program for the SRC staff.

Since long term financial obligations on the part of the Council are involved the Personnel Committee is of the opinion that it would be desirable to have the members of the Finance Committee take part in these deliberations. Therefore, I have been asked to extend this invitation to you to attend the meeting of the Personnel Committee which will be held in Dr. Clement's office on Friday, February 29 at 3:00 p.m. I hope it will be possible for you to attend.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P. S. -- As instructed, I'm sending this letter to the Finance Committee members. But I want you to know that we are conscious of the time you have been giving us recently, and certainly we will all understand if you can't make this meeting as well.

BC: Rufus E. Clement

February 19, 1960

Mr. L. D. Milton
President
Citizens Trust Company
212 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Milton:

Following the instructions of the Executive Committee, the Personnel Committee has scheduled a meeting to consider the possibilities of a retirement program for the SRC staff.

Since long term financial obligations on the part of the Council are involved the Personnel Committee is of the opinion that it would be desirable to have the members of the Finance Committee take part in these deliberations. Therefore, I have been asked to extend this invitation to you to attend the meeting of the Personnel Committee which will be held in Dr. Clement's office on Friday, February 29 at 3:00 p.m. I hope it will be possible for you to attend.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 19, 1960

The Rev. Dan Bowers
Executive Director
Virginia Council on Human Relations
216-C Broad-Grace Arcade Building
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Dan:

Send me a memorandum fairly soon if you can on the situation involving white people in Prince Edward County. I have some word from you on this but don't know whether it covers all of your knowledge on this matter. Include names of friendly or useful contacts among the white population and your general evaluation of public opinion etc. in the white community.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
63 Auburn Avenue, NE
Atlanta, Georgia

MEMORANDUM   February 19, 1960

To: Members of the Executive Committee

From: Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

Re: DATE OF NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.

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A majority of the members of the Executive Committee selected Tuesday, May 3rd, as the date for the next meeting. Therefore, the meeting will be held on that date in the SRC Conference Room, beginning at 10:00 a.m., and ending at approximately 4:00 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you at that time.

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February 19, 1960

Mr. James M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

After several involved telephone conversations with Dr. Clement and Miss Wilkins, we have finally settled on Friday at 3:00 p.m., for the meeting of the Personnel Committee. I trust this time and date will be possible for you.

You may be interested in knowing that Mrs. Roosevelt will be in Atlanta on Friday and will speak at Atlanta University late that afternoon. If it is convenient for you to remain over Friday night, you may want to attend Mrs. Roosevelt's speech after the meeting of the Committee, which will be held in Dr. Clement's office.

I am, today, notifying the members of the Executive Committee that the next meeting will be held on May 3rd, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you next week.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

February 22, 1960

The Rail Travel Credit Agency
Room 436
Union Station
Chicago 6, Illinois

Gentlemen:

Please issue to our account a rail travel card for Mr. Paul Rilling, a new member of our staff.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

February 22, 1960

Mr. Alan Reitman
Associate Director
American Civil Liberties Union
170 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Alan:

It was very thoughtful of you to send me copies of the ACLU's recent exchange with Seawell. This material couldn't be more timely. I would appreciate a dozen more copies, if you have them to spare.

I hope to see you at the March meeting of the Mass Media Committee. Meanwhile, best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

via air mail February 22, 1960

Mrs. Jane Lee Eddy
Taconic Foundation, Inc.
666 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Jane Lee:

Here is a copy of the AFSC proposal on Prince Edward County which I mentioned in our telephone conversation of last week. You will recall that the proposal was developed and approved by AFSC after extensive interagency consultation.

I am also enclosing a memorandum by Jean Fairfax describing her recent visit to Prince Edward. It is a useful supplement to the proposal, since it gives more of the human flavor of the situation confronting the people of the county.

Although the proposal doesn't deal with finances, AFSC hopes to raise $20,000 to finance the activities described over an 18-month period.

I might add that it was the consensus among the agencies consulted that AFSC assume the initiative and responsibility for this effort. But it is also understood that others, including SRC and the Virginia Council on Human Relations, will cooperate closely with the AFSC in the project.

If Taconic is interested, as I hope it will be, of course I will suggest that AFSC get directly in touch with you.

All best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

bc: Barbara Moffett and Jean Fairfax

Encls: JFairfax proposal for AFSC Program in Prince Edward County-2/12/60
and Memo on Visit to Prince Edward - 2/18/60

BC: Connie Curry

February 22, 1960

Dr. Rufus B. Atwood
Chairman
Kentucky Council on Human Relations
P. O. Box 338
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Atwood:

The Southern project of the U.S.N.S.A. is a useful and responsible effort. Some of our leadership serves on the project's advisory committee, and we are in close communication with Miss Curry, the project director, whose headquarters are here in Atlanta.

We are confident that the Kentucky Council will find it rewarding to cooperate in common concerns with Miss Curry and her co-workers.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 22, 1960

Mr. Irving Leos
Vice-President
Modern Community Developers, Inc.
84 Nassau Street
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Leos:

In response to your recent letter, I am enclosing copies of the Citizen Council for November, December, and January.

We receive several copies of this publication each month, and I am perfectly willing to forward one to you. You would find it quicker and more convenient, however, to subscribe directly. If you are reluctant (as we are) to subscribe organizationally, you could do so through an individual who would receive the paper at his home or post office box.

In any case, we will send further issues to you until notified to the contrary, and we will keep an eye out for comparable material in extremist publications.

With good wishes for your work,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 22, 1960

Mr. John G. Feild
Legislative Secretary to Senator Hart
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear John:

Thanks for your note. I have sent you copies of our two printed reports on Negro registration and voting and have added your name to our various mailing lists. Since we are nothing if not prolific, this means that your check and/or wpb will be more chocked than ever.

desk!

I hope to see you again soon when we are not rendered unwontedly mute by so many loquacious lawyers. Meanwhile, all the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P. S. -- Never mind the 25¢. We'll wait till we can hit you with something bigger.

HCF

February 22, 1960

Mr. George T. Guernsey
Assistant Director of Education
AFL - CIO
815 Sixteenth Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear George:

Thanks for your letter and the copies of "Indirect Approach to Educating on Civil Rights," a good and useful program piece.

Unfortunately, Dan Bowers didn't get a list of the delegates at the Kentucky conference. Do you have one available? If so, we'd welcome the opportunity to send them some materials.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 22, 1960

Mr. Garth Cate
Travel Promotion Consultant
Tryon, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Cate:

Thanks for your further letter and for the information on the Olan Mills promotion. This is, indeed, a needlessly offensive piece of advertising; I am pessimistic, however, about the availability of any remedy. If Senator Douglas finds anything encouraging, I'll be greatly obliged if you will let me know.

Since our mailing department is prompter than I am, you should have received the additional copies of New South before now.

New South isn't sent routinely to Congressmen and Senators. We do send it and other materials to those who indicate interest, or who we feel would find the material helpful.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

BCC: Paul Christopher
Emory Via
E. T. Kehrer

(Note: Smith's ltr. returned to Dabbs)

February 23, 1960

Mr. Stanton E. Smith
President
Tennessee State Labor Council
AFL - CIO
939 Church Street
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Smith:

Mr. Dabbs has forwarded to me your welcome letter of acceptance, and I want to add a word of greeting to his.

All of us are greatly pleased that it is possible for you to serve on the Council. You will be receiving reports and other materials from us periodically. But it is a long time between annual meetings, and I hope we will have an earlier opportunity to get together, there or here. Meanwhile, I know you will feel free to call on the staff of SRC for any useful service you feel we can render.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 23, 1960

Dept. of Racial and Cultural Relations
Nat'l Council of the Churches of Christ
297 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:

We would like to receive your bi-monthly publication Interracial News Service for two years, at $2.50. Will you please begin the subscription and bill us?

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

P. S. Subscription should be entered as follows:

Research
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Would you be interested in an exchange, with our monthly publication New South? (copy enclosed).

exchange
accepted - March 4, 1960
orig. letter Bernice Cook

February 23, 1960

Via Air Mail

Mr. Harry Jones
Executive Director
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 E. Third Street, Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

Since you were not at the state staff meeting, you did not get in on our discussion of tax exemption. The Newsletter which we are sending out this week will bring you fairly well up to date on other aspects of the meeting but does not deal with this important subject.

Briefly what happened is that the Internal Revenue Service recently resurveyed the tax exempt status of SRC. In the course of a long report to us they reconfirmed our tax exemption, but raised several alarming questions. In a somewhat confusing paragraph they suggested that our tax exempt status might be jeopardized by continued assistance to groups which are not themselves tax exempt. In another sentence they stipulated that, as we have known, state groups must obtain their own tax exempt status.

We have asked for clarification of this paragraph and in the meantime have been forced to cease dispensing any funds to state groups which have not obtained a tax exempt status.

It is possible that upon clarification we will be able to resume payment as usual. We must also face the possibility that SRC will have to permanently discontinue assistance to state groups without tax exemption. This depends upon the opinion of our attorney and subsequent action of our executive committee.

Needless to say, all state groups are urged to do whatever possible to expedite the applications. Virginia received a favorable ruling just prior to the state staff meeting and Alabama received word just this morning. These are hopeful signs.

The enclosed letter explains the decisions made concerning the disposition of the special grant. The actual allocation of the money of course waits upon resolution of these matters.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm
Enc.

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February ~~1~~, 1960

The Rev. Robert Hughes
Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 1218, Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Bob:

The Southern Regional Council has received again this year special funds from an individual donor for assistance to state groups. This comes from the same source as the special assistance last year. Again, however, we have no indication or reason to believe that this assistance will be repeated yet another year.

The Executive Committee met Tuesday, January 26 and approved a procedure for allocating these special funds. It was the feeling of the committee that the funds should be subject to some conditions so as to encourage local fund-raising efforts, expanded program, etc. It was the opinion of the group that such special funds could best be used in support of those Councils which have a firm financial base and increasing support from within the state.

The Executive Committee approved the earmarking of $3,000 of these special funds for the Alabama Council. We are enclosing a check for $1,500, or half of this amount. Some or all of the remaining $1,500 will be made available to the Alabama Council in June, on the basis of matching evenly all funds raised by the Alabama Council in excess of $2,500 during the first two quarters of this fiscal year (December 1, 1959 - June 1, 1960). To qualify for the entire $3,000, in other words, the Alabama Council must raise through its own resources and exclusive of SRC or foundation support, a total of $4,000 during this period.

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It is our hope that this type of condition will not prove an extra burden but will make it possible for you to stimulate increased support for the Alabama Council throughout the state.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm
Enc.

via air mail February 23, 1960

Mr. C. Wilson Record
Associate Professor of Sociology
Sacramento State College
6000 Jay Street
Sacramento 19, California

Dear Wilson:

Many thanks for copies of the two documents you prepared in connection with the Civil Rights Commission's San Francisco hearings. They are both excellent and very much to the point.

We have recently commissioned Elmer H. Johnson, assistant director, North Carolina Prison Department, to do a pamphlet for us on race and crime in the South. (Johnson is a sociologist and was highly recommended to us by Rupert Vance; I wonder if you know him.) We'd like very much to share your Chronicle letter with him, if you have no objection. Do you have an extra copy you could send me for this purpose?

As you may know, we have stepped up our fact-finding and research interpretation under the direction of Leslie W. Dunbar, who joined us as Research Director last year. I hope we may feel free to call on you for occasional advice and possibly collaboration in these efforts.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
cc: L. W. Dunbar

February 23, 1960

Mr. Harry Jones, Director
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 E. Third Street, Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

I am mailing you, under separate cover, your copy of The Carolina Israelite which I carried away.

I did get the earlier flight out yesterday and was glad to get home a little earlier. I do appreciate all your help the two different times as it made things much easier.

Another favor, could you send us a copy of the article concerning Charles Jones in his testimony before the House Un-American Activities? Harold is very anxious to see this, and don't forget to send me a copy of the statement as you promised.

I talked with Paul Rilling today concerning the tax exempt business but he said he is getting in touch with you today anyway, so I gather that can be ironed out.

My sister just called from Winston-Salem, saying that fourteen Negro students were arrested in Winston-Salem today along with eleven white Wake Forest students who were supporting the Negro movement.

Again thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec

Green + original
back to HCF

February 23, 1960

Mr. Irving E. Carlyle
Wachovia Bank Building
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Carlyle:

We are warmly grateful for your letter to Mr. Polikoff and for your suggestion concerning the Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation.

I will be submitting a request to the Foundation very soon. I will not mention your name, of course, but would like to send you a blind copy of our request so that you can see how we are handling it.

Again, my thanks and kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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February 23, 1960

Via Air Mail

The Rev. William Williams
Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
4241 S. W. 109 Court
Miami, Florida

Dear Bill:

I am planning to be in Gainesville tomorrow, Winter Park Thursday, and in Miami sometime Friday. I will call you when I arrive.

Sincerely,

Paul Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

February 24, 1960

Mr. LeRoi Arroues
115 South Gaffney
San Dimas, California

Dear Mr. Arroues:

We are mailing you today some material on our organization, as you requested. Some is enclosed, and other is being mailed separately, but first class, so you should receive it in a few days.

We wish you success on your sociology project of a 3,000 word paper and a 20 minute dissertation on The Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

Enclosed:
L-1
Congressional Record reprint

Mailed separately:
Report of the Executive Director

February 24, 1960

Miss Mildred Eshnaur
Librarian
County Superintendent of Schools
Court House Square
Merced, California

Dear Miss Eshnaur:

The only pamphlet we know about which is written by Dr. William Van Til, is one of a series published by the Anti-Defamation League. It is titled: Prejudiced--How Do People Get That Way ? 32 pp., 25¢. Humorous and cogent explanation of how people become prejudiced, and how prejudice can be prevented. If you do not know of a regional ADL office nearer to you, you might write to the New York office, as follows:

Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, N. Y.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

February 24, 1960

Mr. Alvy L. King
Box 493, W. T. Station
Canyon, Texas

Dear Mr. King:

Your letter of February 9th addressed to R. B. Eleazer has been referred to us for reply. Most of our materials concern race relations and school desegregation in all the 13 Southern states, and none deal with Texas alone. However, we are sending you some materials that include Texas, and you can use this only along with some of the general information on desegregation of schools.

I am including an article on "Migration and Desegregation" from the November 1959 issue of New South, because this goes into population factors that affect school desegregation.

Our study on voting registration is included, also; you may find this interesting both to you and your classes.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
Action Pattersn in School Desegregation
Background Report on School Desegregation
New South, November 1959
L-Reports: 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15
The Negro and the Ballot in the South

BC: Ben Muse
Enclosure - "L" Report #16

February 24, 1960

Mr. Francis Pickens Miller
416 E. Main Street
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Francis:

We have read your World Call article here with interest and appreciation. Thanks for thinking of us.

You are quite right in pointing out the need for accelerated achievement by Negroes themselves as new opportunities become available. I recall that in our Williamsburg discussions we recognized two aspects of this problem -- the achievement itself, and recognition of the achievement by the white South. The latter would not only make for an improved climate of opinion, but, as in the case of most recognition, would serve as a spur to further progress.

As a small contribution in this direction, we will shortly be releasing the enclosed "L" report on educational testing in Atlanta and Washington. I feel, as you do, that this is a theme we should stress frequently.

My best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Encl. - 1.

COPY

February 24, 1960

Mr. Harry Fleischman
National Labor Service
Institute of Human Relations
165 East 56th Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Fleischman:

We have received our copies of the July, 1959 *Progressive* reprints, "McCarthyism Under the Magnolias." Before we plan distribution, we would like to know whether or not you plan to make distribution to the Mass Media Committee and to the Southern agency people.

The *New South* issue containing the flyer on your book should go out next week. Thereafter, we will, at the end of each week, send you an accounting of the returns.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

February 24, 1960

Mrs. T. F. Slaughter
814 Island Avenue
Rocksford, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Slaughter:

Thank you for your request for materials. However, AMERICA'S TENTH MAN and SINGERS IN THE DAWN are both out of print. Enclosed is a listing of materials the Council now has. If you find anything on the list which may be of aid to you and your group, please let me know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec
Enclosure

February 24, 1960

Mr. Robert Alan Seigel
685 North Crescent Avenue
Cincinnati 29, Illinois

Dear Mr. Seigel:

Since Mr. Routh is no longer with the Council, I am responding to your letter of the 17th.

Enclosed is a special report prepared by SRC on the resistance groups of the South. You will find information on the Citizens' Councils in this report as well as the Mississippi address of this organization.

I think you would find it interesting to write directly to them for further information.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1.

February 24, 1960

Mr. W. Brooke Graves
2940 Newark Street, N. W.
Washington 8, D. C.

Dear Mr. Graves:

We are pleased to send you the requested copy of our voting study, The Negro and the Ballot in the South.

Your name is being added to our list to receive all subsequent research publications.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Mailed separately:
The Negro and the Ballot

February 24, 1960

Mr. William P. Maxam
2030 F Street, NW
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Maxam:

We are mailing you today, under separate cover, the requested copy of If the Schools Are Closed... and some other materials which we believe will be of assistance to you in your research paper on the topic of closing the public schools to avoid integration. There is no charge for these materials.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
- If the Schools Are Closed
- Can We Afford to Close Our Public Schools
- Statements: ministers, faculty, physicians
- L-reports: 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15

February 25, 1960

Mr. Roswell O. Sutton
Vice-President
Citizens Trust Company
212 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Sutton:

Your name has been put on the Southern Regional Council's mailing list as you requested. We very much appreciate your interest in our work.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Luel E. Cummings
Secretary to the Director
of Information

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February 25, 1960

Mr. Bob Hughes, Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 1218, Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Bob:

Will try to send you the names you requested concerning NEW SOUTH in the very near future. We are rather strapped here. Because of the lunch room situation I have been up to North Carolina looking around.

Your request to Les concerning L-Reports should have come to me since I distribute these reports. It will be a little difficult to supply you with these addresses, but we will be able to do this as soon as things quiet down a little.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec

February 25, 1960

Mr. Harry Jones, Director
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 E. Third, Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

Thanks for the clipping which is enclosed.

Concerning the proposal you made about NEW SOUTH subscriptions, Harold, Paul Rilling and I are to get together as soon as Paul gets back from Florida and discuss it. Will let you know as soon as something is decided.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec
Encl.

February 25, 1960

Mrs. Neal Spahr
916 S. 17th Street
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Spahr:

I regret the delay in answering your letter of February 15, but I have had a meeting in Washington, and some home problems have kept me from the office, hence the delay in writing.

I appreciate very much receiving the Findings of the Knoxville Fellowship of the Concerned. I have placed them in the reading file so that everyone in the office will see them.

Now as to possible dates for me to come to Knoxville, the following are open: March 22, 24, 25, 29 or 31, and I will hold them until I hear from you.

I am glad to hear from you again and sorry I missed you at Blue Ridge this summer. Please know that Atlanta's school situation is very serious, as well as Knoxville's. I hope that we can find a way for the continuation of the schools, not only here in Atlanta, but all over the South.

With the best of wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/lec

February 25, 1960

Mr. Charles H. Slayman, Jr.
Chief Counsel and Staff Director
Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Slayman:

We are pleased to send you another copy of Safety, Security and the South, as requested.

It was good of you to say that you found our pamphlets informative and useful. If we can be of any further help, let us know.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Enclosure:
Safety, Security and the South

February 25, 1960

Mr. Benjamin Muse
P. O. Box 312
Manassas, Virginia

Dear Ben:

Thank you for your letter of February 12 concerning Mr. Brewbaker's participation in the National Conference on Citizenship. I appreciate the thoroughness with which you presented the question.

We have considered the matter at some length. Clearly the Conference is only tangentially related to our interests; on the other hand, there appears to be no question of disharmony in our respective values and aims.

Perhaps the best way to view the question is in terms of the usefulness of such participation, under our aegis, to Brewbaker's effectiveness on our behalf. If you and he feel that membership in the Conference will advance our purposes in this way, feel free to proceed.

I take it that the financial obligation involved in such membership and participation would not be a major item.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 25, 1960

The National Board of the
Young Women's Christian Association
600 Lexington Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Friends:

This is to acknowledge with appreciation the invitation to join in the occasion for Miss Edith Lerrigo on March 3. I deeply regret that I cannot be in New York on that date.

I do want,however, to convey my very best wishes and those of the Southern Regional Council to Miss Lerrigo and to the National Board of the Y. W. C. A.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 26, 1960

Mrs. E. H. Spearman, Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1400 Main Street - Room 605
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Thanks for your letter and your suggestions for NEW SOUTH. I will check on the two items you mentioned.

As to the Bill Nichols speech, we do not have a copy we could send you but you could get it by ordering the January 1960 issue of the SOUTHERN ECONOMIC JOURNAL, published at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. We tried to get reprints; but unfortunately, the plates had already been destroyed.

I had an interesting trip to Rock Hill. Talked with Father Shean, Dr. Dewey Duckett, Dean Jackson at Friendship Baptist College and several of the students. Father Shean seemed to think that there was some sympathy among the liberal whites for the movement, and I found a strong determination in the Negro community to continue the movement until some concessions are made by the white merchants. I will be interested in hearing anything else you find out when you visit there this week-end.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

February 26, 1960

Mrs. Jane Lee Eddy
Taconic Foundation, Inc.
666 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Jane Lee:

I am abject about the delay in sending you some material on pupil placement plans. As you probably gave guessed, it has been a three-ring circus here of late, and my good intentions have gone down the drain day after day.

As a token of good faith, here are a few miscellaneous items that deal, in one way or another, with the placement plan and its workings. I am sending you separately a copy of the book Action Patterns in School Desegregation by Wey and Corey, which is the best overall account of these patterns, token and otherwise. (The most pertinent pages on pupil placement are 122-126, 149-150, and 153-154.)

I think you will also want to have in your library a copy of the Civil Rights Commission's complete report, obtainable from the Superintendent of Documents in Washington at $2.00. It is a handy catch-all on the civil rights aspects of voting and education.

When you and Miss Resnik have gotten into the subject a bit, feel free to throw specific questions and further requests to us. For now, I am hesitant to send you a lot of technical and legal material which may only clutter your desks.

My best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

P. S. -- We are getting out a Special Report on the lunch-counter situation which should reach you in a day or two.

HCF

mailed separately: Action Patterns...

Encls: L report #15
SRC Policy Statement and accompanying news release
NCHR report of Oct. 1959 "
NCHR report of Dec. 1959 on Statement and Resolution on Public School Desegregation "
Atl. Journal article Dec. 1, 1959

February 28, 1960

Mr. Saul L. Silverman
Staff Assistant
Fowler Commission on Race Relations
State of Florida
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Mr. Silverman:

Enclosed are thermafax copies of news clips on the riots in Biloxi, Miss., and in the several cities of South Carolina. I'm afraid this is the best we can do, as we do not have a comprehensive report on these events.

I hope you will find these of some help in the preparation for your Law Enforcement Workshops.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

Enclosures:
news clips on Biloxi, Miss.
" " " Columbia, Orangeburg, Greenville, and Spartanburg, S. C.

February 29, 1960

Mr. Ted Landsman
Professor of Education
University of Florida
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Professor Landsman:

I must first apologize for the delay in responding to your letter of February 11. We have been even more than usually rushed the last few days and I have only today gotten to this.

You will find most of the school placement laws in Race Relations Law Reporter. The locations of lows for the various states is as follows:

Arkansas - 4RRLR, 747
Florida - 1 RRLR, 924
Louisiana - 3 RRLR, 1059
Virginia - 3 RRLR, 343
Alabama - 1 RRLR, 235
North Carolina - 1 RRLR, 240
                 1 RRLR, 939
South Carolina - 1 RRLR, 586
Tennessee - 2 RRLR, 215
Texas - 2 RRLR, 693

The Mississippi law is not in the Race Relations Law Reporter, and I am sending it under separate cover, as copied from a film. Georgia has no placement law. The city of Atlanta, as you probably know, has prepared a plan at court order which embodies the general features of the Alabama law. A thermafax copy is being sent to you.

We have done a few small things on the subject, and are forwarding these as well. Also, we are sending you a copy of *Action Patterns in School Desegregation*, a Phi Delta Kappa publication. If you are interested in the legal problems, there is an authoritative article in the *Virginia Law Review*, May 1959, by Daniel J. Meador. Our next L-report will also relate to the subject of screening and I shall see that you receive a copy of it when it is feleased.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Mailed separately:
copy, Alabama placement law
copy, Atlanta placement plan
L-reports, 6, 8, 13, 15, 16
SRC statement
If the Schools Are Closed...
Action Patterns in School Desegregation

added
Stallings article reprint
Journal of Negro Edu
Carmichael & Hansen transcripts

February 29, 1960

Miss Arline Cary
Downs,
Illinois

Dear Miss Cary:

The basic facts about the Southern Regional Council are contained in the enclosed reprint from the Congressional Record. I am also enclosing a new promotion piece which illustrates some of the Council's work as interpreted through the press.

If you need additional information, feel free to request it.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 2.

February 29, 1960

Mr. B. L. Robinson
Executive Secretary
Richmond Urban League
12 West Leigh Street
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Mr. Robinson:

Many thanks for your letter concerning accommodations for bi-racial groups in Virginia. This is, indeed, helpful to us in getting as complete a Southwide picture as possible.

We are also appreciative of your promise to send us any further information of this kind that you may discover.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

February 29, 1960

Mr. Robert Alan Seigel
685 North Crescent Avenue
Cincinnati 29, Illinois

Dear Mr. Seigel:

Since Mr. Routh is no longer with the Council, I am responding to your letter of the 17th.

Enclosed is an article prepared by SRC on the resistance groups of the South.

I think you would find it interesting to write directly to the Citizens' Councils for further information.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

P. S. The address of the Citizens' Council is: 1014 Plaza Building, Jackson, Mississippi.

PA

February 29, 1960

Harold Fleming Leslie Dunbar

Future publications; Research

The letter from Kenneth Vines affords an occasion for looking ahead at our publication program. One of the reasons (there have, of course, been others) why I have not done anything much as yet on voting is through concern over crowded publications schedule and consequent heavy financial commitments. On this latter point I am not sure that we can assume that anything worthwhile done on voting will not require some research funds to supplement what is left in the Field Grant. You understand as well as I do how tentative are publication estimates, and I have, in indicating these below, leaned on the optimistic side; in other words it is likely that these things will be coming out maybe a little later than I have shown. Nevertheless, it suggests that at least the possibilities are as follows:

March - Stallings report, with other L-report on academic achievement*

The Collins' speech

The Reif pamphlet on Norfolk

April - Next Steps

The Spearman-Meyer newspaper analysis

The Tarplee speech

May - nothing

June - The Donald-Dewey pamphlet

The analysis of educational differences in Georgia

The Directory of Convention facilities

July - The Johnson pamphlet on Negro Crime

July - continued,

The McMillan pamphlet on Little Rock police

August -The business men's guide

The annual background report on school desegregation

I doubt that we can do anything on voting very good, if we try to rush it, I think it would be wise to delay work until x there has been time for a period of reaction to whatever Congress does next month. What I would like to propose as the perhaps most useful thing we could do would be a survey analysis of the legal devices employed to hold down Negro registration; in other words, not try to measure the influence of apathy, nor the influence of intimidation or reprisals, nor try to measure the extent of Negro registration (presumably CCR will do this later, and their figures will command more authority than any we might get together).

If you approve, I would like to write to Vines to ascertain whether he would have any time this summer to work with us, and his interest in doing this. At the same time, I would like to keep the principle responsibility for this task here.

February 29, 1960

Editor
The Rebel
East Carolina College
Greenville, N. C.

Dear Sir:

We have noted, in the February 17 issue of the Raleigh News and Observer, a portion of an interview with Paul Green, as quoted from an interview published by you. We would like very much to receive a copy of the complete interview.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

February 29, 1960

Rev. Robert E. Hughes
Room 1218, Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Bob:

I trust that by this time you have heard from John Constable and have received the names of the Alabama folks who get our L-reports. Also, that you may have already been in touch with the ABC fellows on the Schools for Military Personnel matter.

It was good to meet you and I hope when you are next in Atlanta I can be more hospitable. Let it be soon.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

February 29, 1960

Benjamin Muse Leslie Dunbar

Manuscript; student protest; high cost of segregation

Here are chapters 14 through 26, which both Harold and I have read and made some marks on. I hope to read, within a day or two, the last group of chapters you sent.

Our chief preoccupation here the last few days has been on the lunch counter demonstrations. We did a rather rushed Special Report, which I hope you have seen some news of in the papers. In case you haven't gotten your copy, I am enclosing one.

I was down in St. Petersburg early last week speaking on the high cost of segregation, and would like some day for you to look over what I said.

Enclosure: The Student Protest Movement

quantity interoffice memo sheets

February 29, 1960

Mr. Bruce L. Felknor
Executive Director
Fair Campaign Practices Committee, Inc.
8 East 66th Street
New York 21, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Felknor:

May we request 100 copies of the Code of Fair Campaign Practices? This request is made not only out of our own interest, but because we were asked at a recent meeting of the Southern Inter-Agency Conference to seek these for distribution to the various agencies having action programs in the field of southern racial relations. We hope you shall be able to supply their needs. If there is a charge, will you please advise us as to the amount before mailing the copies.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

via air mail March 1, 1960

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Top Knot
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

You did a superb job on the Garroway program this morning. This is not only my view but that of everyone I've talked to who saw the program.

I'm pleased and grateful that you could take on this important task on such short notice. The SRC banner has never waved more proudly.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 1, 1960

Via Air Mail

Miss Jean Fairfax
American Friends Service Committee
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

Dear Jean:

I am glad that you are trying to think through an effective inter-agency meeting for April. I think one of our problems in the past has been that very little advance thought is given to the meetings.

I have some reservations, however, concerning some of the specific thoughts you put forth. I would question the primary emphasis on school desegregation at a time when the sit-down demonstrations are at the center of developments in our field. It would seem to me to be more useful at this particular time to concentrate on some consideration of the facts and significance for the future of this kind of activity. This could be achieved, I think, by one or two reports from cities most involved which could be given by some of our professionals from Tennessee and North Carolina.

I have some misgivings about inviting in very many persons outside the group for the reading of papers, etc. I think most of us are exposed to enough formal workshop experiences that we might not welcome this kind of approach to the meeting. You mentioned inviting a number of outside persons. I think one or two of these would be sufficient at any one meeting and that they should generally be agency professional types.

As the inter-agency meeting has developed, it has been primarily a means for communication and planned coordination among the members. I would not favor trying to completely change this emphasis. I think what is needed is adequate agenda planning, certain members assigned in advance to make reports and lead discussion on certain topics, and most of all, a firm and skillful chairman. A discussion of the legal aspects would certainly be useful. I think that one attorney would be sufficient to help with this topic.

I believe the discussion of the sit-down situation might well focus around the cities of Nashville, Chattanooga, and Greensboro, and we could make sure in advance that persons from these cities are with us for the occasion.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

March 1, 1960

Professor J. Rogers Hollingsworth
Box 37, Faculty Exchange
Social Science Building
The University of Chicago
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Mr. Hollingsworth:

We are forwarding under separate cover a number of examples of reactions--press editorial--to the 1954 decision in Brown v. Topeka. From these you may be able to select a few interesting pieces for your anthology. I would recommend, also, that you examine the pages of the New York Times of May 18, 1954, In addition to editorial comment, the Times that day printed at great length comments of political figures on the decision. You might also wish to look at U. S. News and World Report for May 8, 1954, which includes an interview with Walter White.

I am somewhat at a loss to know where to look for contemporary reactions or opinions for Plessy v. Ferguson and, at the suggestion of Professor Wiley, I have not attempted now to unearth any. I hope, however, to find an occasion soon to consult some of our books for quotations or good leads which I may forward to you.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Mailed separately:
New South, Aug., Oct., Nov., 1954
May, 1955
thermafax copies news clips
Interracial News Service, January-February 1959

March 1, 1960

Mr. Jacob Seidenberg
1511 Cavalier Corridor
Falls Church, Virginia

Dear Mr. Seidenberg:

We will be happy to see that you receive our press releases and other reports.

Any time we can be of assistance to you in your new work, let me know.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 1, 1960

Miss Helen B. Shaffer
Editorial Research Reports
1156 - 19th Street N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Miss Shaffer:

We are pleased to send you our February 27th Special Report, "The Student Protest Movement, Winter 1960."

You also requested any publications on police methods in curbing violence in race relations. We and including With Justice for All, published by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, and a 1950 publication of ours, Safety, Security and the South. We are planning a study on police methods in Little Rock, during and after the school desegregation disturbances, and will send you a copy when it is released.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

A
Enclosures:
The Student Protest Movement
With Justice for All
Safety, Security and the South

March 1, 1960

Dr. Albert W. Dent
President
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Al:

Thanks for your letter of February 24 and the word that you can be with us on May 3.

Several Executive Committee members have lately raised questions about the time-span of the meetings. You may recall that the present pattern was established some time ago after considerable discussion. Most of the current questions concern the desirability of making the meetings longer, so that there can be fuller discussion of program activities.

In any case, it has seemed to the staff that this matter ought to be on the agenda of the May meeting. The staff has no ax to grind, one way or the other; we'll be happy to conform to whatever time-span and duration the Committee prescribes. I agree with you, however, that if we keep our present "one-day" rule, a full afternoon meeting would be more efficient than the current practice.

I don't feel justified in changing the schedule of the next meeting -- unless Rufus decides, as chairman, that such a change is desirable and proper. But I do hope we can get a meeting of minds about the best pattern for the future.

My best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
cc: Dr. Rufus E. Clement

March 2, 1960

Dr. Rufus Atwood
Kentucky Council on Human Relations
P. O. Box 338
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Atwood:

Thank you for your recent letter about the tax status of the Kentucky Council. As I mentioned earlier, the Internal Revenue Department has raised several questions which may make it impossible to provide future assistance to non tax-exempt groups. We have requested a clarification of these questions and hope that we will have a clear-cut decision before the next quarterly aid grants are due at the end of this month.

Also involved is another special donation for state councils from the same source that provided special assistance for state groups last year. The executive committee has approved the allocation of $500 of this money to the Kentucky Council to assist with the research projects of the Council. This grant also awaits clarification of the tax picture. You will be interested to know that the councils in Virginia, North Carolina, and Alabama received final determination of tax-exempt status during the last month. It appears, therefore, that such groups need only wait out the administrative red tape to receive tax-exemption.

We would appreciate copies of those letters from the Internal Revenue Department which indicated a preliminary determination of tax-exemption for Kentucky some time ago.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

March 2, 1960

Mr. Ralph DiGia
Administrative Secretary
War Registers League
5 Beekman Street
New York 38, New York

Dear Mr. DiGia:

Thank you for including us in your plans for the 1961 calendar of the War Registers League. Enclosed are two brochures with material on the Southern Regional Council.

The first one from the Congressional Record includes several important dates as you requested. It begins with the asterisk on page one and continues through the asterisk on page three. The other one is briefer.

Please feel free to print either one which meets your needs best.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/mf
Enclosures - 2.

Congressional Record Reprint
"The Changing ~~Times~~ South"

March 2, 1960

Via Air Mail

The Rev. William K. Williams
Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
4241 S. W. 109 Court
Miami, Florida

Dear Bill:

I am sorry I missed you during my travels in Florida, but I understand that you were able to do yeoman service in the Daytona Beach crisis. I had friendly and I hope constructive conferences with Hal Lewis in Gainesville, with Gordon Lewis and also with Dudley DeGroot and Caxton Doggett in the Orlando area. I feel the new leaders with whom you will be working are energetic and committed. They should make your job easier than it has been in the past.

We would appreciate receiving here a copy of the new budget adopted at the annual meeting and also a copy of the audit statement. The copy of the one sheet you sent from the audit does not really give a clear picture of the financial position of the Florida Council as of that time. Harold feels that we need to see a full audit statement before we can report to our executive committee that the "substantial improvement condition" has been met.

You will be interested to know that both Alabama and North Carolina have received tax-exemption since the state staff meeting.

I talked with Jane Leeds at some length in Miami by telephone. I think it would be a good move in the interest of public relations to pay her another $200 within the next week or so. I would also suggest that you see her personally and soothe her ruffled feelings when you can. She can do us considerable harm and, I suspect, is.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

March 2, 1960

Mr. Frank Loescher
U.S.-South Africa Leader
  Exchange Program
345 East 46th Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Frank:

The lunch-counter crisis has kept us all hopping lately, so I must acknowledge your several recent letters at one time.

I haven't had a chance to check on the entire list of Episcopalian clergymen supplied you by Arthur Walmsley. But I can shed some light on one or two. Theodore Evans is well known to Paul Rilling and our Virginia people, who regard him as a first-rate man; I believe I wrote you earlier about him. In any case, on the basis of our information, I can recommend him highly to you.

I get less enthusiastic reports about Mead of Chapel Hill, who, I am told, is sincere and well-meaning but less than solid on race relations.

I hear that Fraser of Winston-Salem has just been elected bishop (since Walmsley wrote you). If so, this might perhaps eliminate him from consideration.

Although we know vaguely of the others, my information isn't sufficient to render any kind of judgment. If I learn more about them before you act on this, I will pass it on.

Many, many thanks for your note concerning Mrs. Purcell's interest. I will most certainly write her shortly.

Congratulations on the reprint from Africa Special Report; this is an excellent information piece on the program.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 4, 1960

Mr. Ralph McGill
Atlanta Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ralph:

You may remember my mentioning Lester Markel's interest, relayed by Johnny Popham, in an article on overseas interpretation of the South's racial troubles. I finally managed to do the enclosed. Since it is an expansion of my letter to you on the subject, I thought you might like to see a copy.

Of course, I have no idea whether Markel will find it publishable. Judging by his reputation as an exacting editor, I doubt it.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

March 4, 1960

Mr. Morris Abram
3620 Ridgwood Road, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Morris:

Here is what I have sent off to Markel of the New York Times Magazine. Whether he will consider it publishable, as is or with revision, God only knows. If it is used, I will let you know, since you may want to call Heckscher's attention to it.

Best,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

March 4, 1960

Dr. Gordon Lewis
Rollins College
Winter Park, Florida

Dear Gordon:

It was good to have the opportunity of meeting with you and getting to know you better recently. I look forward to our working together more closely during the coming year.

As things developed, I did not get an opportunity to meet further with Bill during that trip because of the nature of his involvement in Daytona Beach over the week-end.

We will probably be writing you more formally in the near future concerning the terms of continued SRC assistance to the Florida Council.

If you and Hal think it useful, I would be happy to participate in your next board or executive committee meeting to represent SRC thinking.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

March 4, 1960

The Rev. Caxton Doggett
P. O. Box 825
Winter Park, Florida

Dear Caxton:

I appreciated the opportunity of meeting with you in Orlando recently and I particularly appreciated the opportunity of meeting Mrs. Doggett and enjoying the hospitality of your home. Your social arrangements were satisfactory in every way.

I believe that there is a good leadership team for the Florida Council during the coming year. I hope that we will be able to stay out of the red and move on to more vital program concerns.

I look forward to seeing you again on the next trip South or at the future SRC board meeting.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

March 4, 1960

Dr. Kenneth Morland
Department of Sociology and
Anthropology
Randolph-Macon Woman's College
Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Ken:

Many thanks for your letter and the refund of travel expenses.

We regret very much that the weather kept you from Nashville. (We can appreciate the problem, however, since we were ice-bound here for several days.) As it turned out, John Hope had to serve as all-purpose consultant. Our reports are that the meeting went very well and that, as a direct result, the Mayor of Nashville appointed a bi-racial committee to seek a solution.

We are grateful for your willingness to take on that emergency consultant assignment, and I hope we can call on you again in the future.

Paul Rilling joins me in best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P.S. -- You're the last person to need any more documentation on Southern-style McCarthyism, but I thought you might like to have the enclosed reprint of the Progressive article by the Stokelys.

March 4, 1960

Miss Mary Laing
News Editor
American Broadcasting Company
7 West 66th Street
New York 23, New York

Dear Miss Laing:

We are happy to send you, as requested, the two enclosed copies of our Special Report on the student protests.

If our informational staff can be of further service to you, Mr. Daly, or any of your reporters who may be in the South, feel free to call on us.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 2.

March 4, 1960

Dr. Lawrence W. Towner
History Department
College of William and Mary
Williamsburg, Virginia

Dear Dr. Towner:

Thank you for a copy of the report of the education committee to your Interracial Study Group, which I have read with great interest and real admiration for the thoroughness and the seriousness of your approach. If the committee or the study group issues later reports, I should be most grateful to receive copies.

I have no wish to over-burden your desk, but I am forwarding under separate cover a few items which seem to be related to the study which you have undertaken, in addition to the Green and Gauerke pamphlet, If the Schools Are Closed..., which you apparently already have. One other release, on academic achievement in desegregated schools, will be sent to you in a few days.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:A

P.S. One small matter: some of the prices you have quoted for our materials are not altogether correct. The Schools and the Courts is out of print (a similar item will be released in a few weeks).

The Negro Voter in the South is free on request; so is Changing Patterns in the New South.

If the Schools Are Closed... is distributed on the basis of first copy free, subsequent copies @ .25.

The Negro and the Ballot in the South is .40.

What the Supreme Court Said is, as you note, .10.

March 4, 1960

Professor John M. Beck, chairman
Department of Education
Chicago Teachers College
68 Stewart Avenue
Chicago 21, Illinois

Dear Professor Beck:

We are mailing you today, under separate cover, the requested copy of If the Schools Are Closed. There is no charge.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

March 4, 1960

Miss Paulette Kelliebrew
Mrs. Jeanne E. Warton's Class
Fairmont Heights School
Reed and Nye Streets. N. E.
Washington 27, D. C.

Dear Miss Kelliebrew:

I am sorry that Understanding Our Neighbors is out of print. We are sending you, under separate cover, some of our materials that we believe will be helpful in the study of "Democracy and Its Problems", with special reference to racial persecution and discrimination.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
- Background Report on School Desegregation
- The Student Protest Movement
- Segregation Decisions
- The Negro and the Ballot
- New South, Sept. - Jan.

March 4, 1960

Mr. Yutaka Okihara
Whittier Hall, Box 64
1230 Amsterdam Avenue
New York 27, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Okihara:

We are mailing you today a copy of If the Schools are Closed..., as you requested; there is no charge. Enclosed is a list of some of our materials for your information.

We also put out a monthly Leadership Report series, and some of these have concerned education.

I have also included a copy of our monthly magazine, New South.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

March 4, 1960

Dr. Hal Lewis
University of Florida
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Hal:

I very much enjoyed the opportunity of meeting with you last week. I think I gained a clearer understanding of some of the problems and potentials of the Florida Council. I know that all concerned appreciate the time and work which you have given to the Council during your term as president.

I had a good opportunity to exchange ideas with Gordon Lewis and several board members in Orlando. I did not have an opportunity to talk further with Bill, due to his involvement in a crisis situation in Daytona Beach.

We will probably be writing you more formally in the near future concerning the terms of continued SRC assistance to the Florida Council.

If you and Gordon think it useful, I would be happy to participate in your next board or executive committee meeting to represent SRC thinking.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

March 4, 1960

The Rev. James A. Budd
2430 Brentwood Place
Augusta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Budd:

I very much enjoyed the opportunity of meeting with the Augusta Council recently and appreciated your hospitality. The group seemed well balanced, included some real leadership and demonstrated a fine spirit. I hope that I can have further contact with the group in the future and that you will feel free to call on us for any help or assistance you need.

It has been suggested that Augusta might be a good place to hold some form of interracial workshop of the sort that is annually held in Atlanta. Perhaps some Augusta representatives may participate in the Atlanta workshop this year.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

March 4, 1960

Mr. William W. Cowan
Associate Editor
Current
177 East 71 Street
New York 21, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Cowan:

We are enclosing a copy of our Special Report on the student protest movement, as you requested, and are also adding your organisation to our mailing list to receive subsequent materials. We have put your name on our press list to receive all press releases by the Council.

Would you be interested in an exchange of your publication with New South, our monthly magazine? We are enclosing copies of several recent issues.

We wish you best success with your new magazine.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Enclosed:
The Student Protest Movement
New South, Sept., Oct., Nov., Dec. 1959
Jan. 1960

March 4, 1960

Mr. Victor D. Starlard
439 South Washington
Fayetteville, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Starland:

I have your letter of March 1 addressed to Miss Florence Irving, who is no longer with the Council. There is a great mass of periodical articles on Negro voting in the South and Southern politics generally, and you should have no difficulty tracking these down through one of the indexes. As to books, V. O. Key's Southern Politics is still basic. Hugh Price has written a study on Florida under the title, The Negro and Southern Politics; besides being a useful book, this volumn contains also probably as much bibliographical help as you would get anywhere. Under separate cover we are sending you a copy of The Negro and the Ballot in the South, by Margaret Price, 1959.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Mailed separately:
The Negro and the Ballot

March 7, 1960

Mr. Bruce L. Felknor
Executive Director
Fair Campaign Practices Committee, Inc.
8 East 66th Street
New York 21, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Felknor:

Thank you for your letter of March 4 and the enclosed copies of the Code of Fair Campaign Practices. It was very good of you to send them so promptly. I think we would prefer to wait for a month in order to get the amended version (although there are places down here and elsewhere where compliance with even part of the unamended version would be a victory).

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

March 7, 1960

Mr. McNeill Smith
P. O. Box 868
Greensboro, N. C.

Dear Mr. Smith:

We are mailing you today, separately, the requested 25 copies of "The Student Protest Movement - Winter 1960." There is no charge.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
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March 7, 1960

Mrs. W. M. Breazeale
Reader's Consultant
The Library
Randolph-Macon Woman's College
Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Breazeale:

Thank you for your letter of March 1 in which you make request for materials about the Southern Regional Council.

I am enclosing reprints from the Congressional Record and the Journal and Guide which give a brief history of the Council, and a copy of our recent publication, "The Changing South," which describes the Council's work with the press.

If we can be of further assistance to you, please write us.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mildred Flowers
Secretary to the Director

MF
Enclosures - 3.

March 7, 1960

Miss Florence Irving
1003 Duke Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Florence:

Thanks again for the hospitality I received in Greensboro. I am certain by this time you have received the Special Report which the research department did. My NEW SOUTH article is due in the March issue.

I gather from newspaper reports that the situation in Greensboro looks fairly good, but of course; one can never tell. I gather there are some negotiations going on and maybe you can clear this up for me.

Enclosed is the ACCA pamphlet I mentioned.

Again thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec
Enclosure

March 7, 1960

Mr. T. B. Maston
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
School of Theology
Seminary Hill
Fort Worth 15, Texas

Dear Mr. Maston:

Thank you for your letter requesting material from the Southern Regional Council. I am mailing you, under separate cover, thirty copies of a descriptive folder on the Council. Also, we are mailing thirty sample copies of NEW SOUTH.

Enclosed is a materials listing of the Council for your convenience, and if we can be of any additional aid please let us know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec

3-7-60

Mr. John P. Williams
Box 47
Montreat, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Williams:

Thank you for your letter and your interest in the Council and its work. We are mailing you, under separate cover, some materials concerning the Council and a sample of our publication NEW SOUTH.

You also might be interested in joining the North Carolina Council on Human Relations. Its director is Mr. Harry Jones and the address is 121 E. Third St., Room 209, Charlotte, North Carolina. I am sure Mr. Jones would welcome any participation you might feel free to give his organization. The Southern Regional Council works closely with the North Carolina Council.

As yet I have not seen the names of the senators mentioned in the paper either. If I can locate them for you, I will mail them at a later date.

Again thanks for your interest.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec
cc/ Harry Jones

March 7, 1960

Dr. W. R. Strassner, President
Shaw University
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Strassner:

I want to thank you for the time you took to see me when I was in Raleigh. I am mailing you, under separate cover, a copy of our Special Report on the "sit-down" movement and a copy of the ACCA pamphlet which I promised you. My NEW SOUTH article should be out in the March issue.

Again thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

March 7, 1960

Miss Vivian Irving
303 S. East Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Vivian:

Thanks again for everything you and your family did for me while I was in Raleigh. It certainly was nice to have someone do all the ground work for you. I think you got a Special Report since you are on our mailing list of friends but I wanted to mail you a copy of the ACCA pamphlet which is enclosed.

The Special Report you received was done by the research department. My NEW SOUTH article will be in the March issue of NEW SOUTH.

Again thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec

March 7, 1960

Mr. W. C. Allred, Jr.
Apt. 107 "C" Drive B
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Will:

Thanks for your letter and the clipping. The newspaper was received today. I do appreciate all the help. I am mailing you, under separate cover, a copy of the Special Report done by the research staff of the Council. My NEW SOUTH article will be along later.

Again thanks for everything and come see us soon.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

March 7, 1960

Mrs. Elizabeth B. Peelle, Chairman
Oak Ridge Community Relations Council
409 W. Vanderbilt Drive
Oak Ridge, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Peelle:

Thank you for your letter requesting a copy of our Special Report on the "sit-ins." We are mailing you a copy under separate cover. Enclosed is a list of materials of the Southern Regional Council in which you might be interested. Let me know if we can supply you with any copies.

Some names of speakers to whom you might write include: Marion A. Wright (white) Linville Falls, North Carolina; James McBride Dabbs (white) Rip Raps Plantation, Mayesville, South Carolina; Martin Luther King, Jr. (Negro) Ebenezer Baptist Church, 407 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia; Dr. Benjamin E. Mays (Negro) Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia; Kyle Haselton (white) The Christian Science Monitor, 1 Norway Street, Boston 15, Massachusetts and Dr. Harry V. Richardson, (Negro) Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Georgia.

Also enclosed is a film bibliography which might be of help to you in some of your program planning.

If we can be of additional assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

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March 7, 1960

Miss Garnet Guild
Executive Secretary
Southwest Regional Office
American Friends Service Committee
1705 North Congress Avenue
Austin 1, Texas

Dear Miss Guild:

Thank you for your letter concerning materials for your field program offices. We are putting them on our mailing list and they will receive materials directly from us in the future. We are also substituting your name for Mr. Hutchens on our mailing list.

Again thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec

March 7, 1960

Dr. James A. Boyer
St. Augustine's College
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Boyer:

I want to thank you for the time you took to see me when I was in Raleigh. I am mailing you, under separate cover, a copy of our Special Report on the "sit-down" movement and a copy of the ACCA pamphlet which I promised you. My NEW SOUTH article should be out in the March issue.

Again thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

March 7, 1960

Professor Kenneth N. Vines
Department of Political Science
Tulane University
New Orleans 18, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Vines:

Harold Fleming has shown me your letter of February 2nd. We had already read and liked your Nation article, and can join in your regrets that it was cut by the editors.

We are considering what we can and should next do on Negro voting. Until we see what comes out of Congress this session, and what the initial reactions in the South will be to it, I don't believe that we can intelligently set an objective for ourselves. We do have in mind, however, undertaking another study, and that some time soon. At this point our rather tentative thinking is that we should step aside and look to the Commission on Civil Rights for further fact-finding on the extent of Negro registration and the use of illegal or extra-legal tactics to hold down Negro registration and voting. This would leave the area of legal devices that we might study. It seems to us there would be considerable usefulness in a pamphlet which, in some detail:

a) analyzed the literacy requirements of each state which has them, including the provision for administering them;

b) offered some illustrative descriptions of the administration of literacy requirements;

c) evaluated, in the light of the proposed constitutional amendment, the present role and importance of the poll tax.

As I said, until Congress acts and the South reacts, we are not making any firm plans, but as we do have a bit of money left over in our grant, and as the literacy tests acquire greater and greater importance as a device for limiting registration, we do intend to do something, probably along these lines.

You seemed to agree about the usefulness of our investigation of literacy requirements when you remarked in your letter that there is nothing up-to-date on voting registrars and that they are the key to Negro registration. Do you think you might have some time this Summer, or earlier, that you could give to us? We would certainly like anything we do to contain a contribution from you.

I was at the Southern Political Science meeting in Gatlinburg last Fall and had hoped I would run into you there. Maybe the next time.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

March 7, 1960

Dean A. D. Beittel
Edward Dwight Eaton Chapel
Beloit College
Beloit, Wisconsin

Dear Dean Beittel:

The enclosed pages - a very rough copy of the Council's list of desegregated colleges - will answer, to some extent, your inquiry of February 12. We cannot vouch for the completeness of the list, since it was compiled from newspaper reports and therefore represents only those instances of desegregation which have come to our attention. Unless it is otherwise indicated (as in the case of the University of Florida) the desegregated policy is thought to now obtain on the undergraduate as well as the graduate level in all of these schools. This is not to say that all previously all-white schools hold their doors wide open to Negroes, for in some instances a quota system is applied; some schools reportedly admit only those Negroes wanting to study subjects not offered at schools provided for Negroes.

We have made no attempt to gather information as to the actual number of Negro and white students in schools previously restricted to one race. You may wish to consult Southern School News, Vol. 6, No. 6, December, 1959, page 1, for survey results which do include estimates of the number of Negroes enrolled in some previously white schools. (Such figures are very difficult to obtain, since many schools do not keep records by race, a few do not wish to release this information, and the totals are, of cou course, continually changing.)

We hope this information will be of some help to you.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research assistant

MM:a
Enclosures:
Desegregating institutions

via air mail March 7, 1960

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
New World Foundation
475 Riverside Drive
New York 27, New York

Dear Vernon:

Naturally I was serious about your staying with us and have got clean sheets and refreshments laid by. I feel it's only fair to warn you, however, that we just went for 60 hours without lights or heat; so if it looks like an ice-storm, bring your long-johns.

We've made you an appointment with Ruby Hurley for 11:00 a.m. Thursday the 31st, and one with Clement at 3:00 p.m. the same day. We are working on M. L. King, though, as you may have read, his plans are sort of uncertain at this point. I also hope you can see such stalwarts as Morris Abram and Phil Hammer while you're here.

The region is really jumping at this point, and may still be when you arrive. It appears likely that Atlanta will get into the act sometime soon.

I will be returning from Washington Tuesday the 29th, probably on a dinner flight, so make a note of my home address -- 126 The Prado, N. E. -- and plan to go on out and make yourself at home till I arrive. Jane will be forewarned.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

COPY

via air mail   March 7, 1960

Mr. Hodding Carter
Delta-Democrat Times
Greenville, Mississippi

Dear Hodding:

Our files are pretty unhelpful on the 1950 Conference on Discrimination in Higher Education held at Atlanta University. Although we must have had them once, I can't find the preliminary mailings sent out by SCEF.

As of some slight value, perhaps, I'm enclosing copies of an Atlanta Journal advance story on the conference -- which lists some of the main participants -- and an attack on SCEF by the rabid American Legion Firing Line. The latter, just so you can see the worst picture of this sort that can be painted.

It is noteworthy that, at least as of 1957, SCEF was not listed as a communist-front by the Attorney General or the House Un-American Activities Committee. The characterization by the Eastland Committee, quoted in the Firing Line, is the only official citation we can find.

If you decide to issue a public rebuttal, it seems to me the best answer is that you never joined, contributed to, or attended any meeting of SCEF -- including the conference in question. I gather it is further true that you have no recollection of committing yourself to SCEF to sponsor a meeting of theirs, but that you may have consented to one of the reputable individuals involved that your name could be used in connection with a conference of this type.

We expect to have further information on the conference and its participants tomorrow, in which case I will send it along at once.

Let me know how we can help further.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

COPY

March 7, 1960

Mr. Daniel T. Gates
East Dormitory, Room 11
Ottawa University
Ottawa, Kansas

Dear Mr. Gates:

We are sending you today, under separate cover, some materials for your term project on the Southern Regional Council. There is no charge for this.

Along with the mimeographed report on origin and aims of SRC, we are sending a reprint from the Congressional Record, 1957, and some of our latest materials so that you may see the kind of reports published by the council.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Rdministrative secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
- New South
- The Negro and the Ballot
- Background Report on School Desegregation
- The Student Protest Movement - Winter 1960
- SRC - origin and aims
- CR reprint
- SRC statement, December 6, 1959

March 7, 1960

Mr. Harry Fleischman
Director
Institute of Human Relations
National Labor Service
165 East 56 Street
New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Harry:

The group in Atlanta who put out A Second Look will send you fifty copies, as you requested in your letter of February 25. They don't have much money, having scraped their pockets pretty clean to get it printed (with a little help from us); so they may ask for a reimbursement if you feel like it.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

March 7, 1960

Mr. Benjamin Muse
Box 312
Manassas, Virginia

Dear Ben:

We are not ignoring your recent letter suggesting a study of the Negro consumer market. It is just that the last couple of weeks have been so rushed that it would really be hopeless to take up a new idea right now, and unfair to its merits. It is, of course, something that ought to be done. My big concern is thinking through how it can be done well, and finding the resources with which to do it.

I did get a chance today to set down some notes about your book. I am passing the chapters on to Harold for his reading. Sitting down to comment generally on a book-manuscript which one has read in installments, with only the later chapters still on hand, is not easy. But I believe I can say some things with confidence that they do, at least, represent my own true opinion of what I have read.

1. The book is eminently readable, packed with information, and, so far as I can judge, sound throughout in its interpretations. The chronological presentation aids in developing a picture of the relentless unfolding of events. The following specific criticisms do not detract from the general opinion.

2. Some of the chapters may be two short for a book-length presentation. I don't have the earlier chapters here to look through again, but an example from the later sections may illustrate: I would say that chapters 29, 30, 31, and possibly 32 could be consolidated. On the other hand, some of the chapters are brief and should be, either because they are distinct entities or because their brevity (especially if preceded and followed by larger chapters) enhances their drama: chapter 38 would be an example of the former, and chapter 35 of the latter.

3. I have no suggestions for cuts except t propose reconsideration by you of the recording of some quotations " in extenso," e. g. the resolution the Alabama legislature in Chapter 36: there is a certain quaint colorfulness about this, but I am not sure it would be eradicated by condensation. Except for your courtesy in frequently quoting at length, you write a tight style that does not invite farther surgery; maybe a word or two, or a phrase, is superfluous, but I'd leave it to the editor to name them.

4. The principal improvement I can suggest (I believe it would be an improvement) would be somewhat more personality and locale development. By a number of deft strokes, you whet interest in the character and personality of Almond and Byrd; more would be appreciated. You say enough about the "organization" to make your reader believe he has the feel of it; would more description or characterization give him a better insight into how monumental a struggle Almond dared? By a phrase or two, you suggest sympathy and respect for Judge Hutcheson; could he be a symbol of the conservative Virginian of good will, with a bit more character probing? The gentility and traditionalism of Virginia politics comes through pretty well, but here and there, as in the story of the special session of 1956 or the accounts of the Thomson and Boatwright committees, might be examined for contrast or repressed elements. You write knowingly and well about the localities involved (for some reason I can't explain, Warren County came to life for me best of all—maybe because it's country I know), but not so extendedly as to preclude more characterization and color if you felt so inclined.

5. I realize it is too early to define what the collapse of massive resistance, and the Almond apostasy, will mean to Virginia politics. But is it too early to speculate, even at some length? People have learned to regard you, quite rightly, as an authority on Virginia politics. I am sure many besides myself would be interested in more interpretation, more guarded prophecy, than you give in Chapter 40, just because it is you writing the book.

With all best wishes. The sit-in strikes deserve your time (have you any plans for Nashville?) but the book is too good not to be pushed along.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

March 8, 1960

Miss Alice Cobb
The Waverly
Hendersonville, North Carolina

Dear Miss Cobb:

We have noted on all records the new address of which you recently advised me. I deeply regret the dislocation you have suffered as the result of the attacks on Highlander and trust that all of this will be righted eventually.

Meanwhile, we are glad to know that you expect to continue in the South.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 8, 1960

Mr. A. E. Cox
Delta Foundation, Inc.
933 Chambliss Road
Memphis 16, Tennessee

Dear Gene:

I don't believe I have thanked you for following through so helpfully on my letter regarding Hazel Smith. I'm most grateful -- for that and for the items of intelligence that you are thoughtful enough to send us.

I take it there is no further news about your own prospects. You will let me know, I'm sure, when and if there is any new development.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 8, 1960

Mr. Brooks Hays
Tennessee Valley Authority
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Brooks:

We were glad to learn of the committee in Johnson City which is interested in improving race relations.

I thought it would be well if our communication with Mr. Seaman and the committee were established by Paul Rilling, our field director. In the event we are able to be of future service to them, Rilling would be the appropriate staff member to do so.

Enclosed is a copy of Paul Rilling's letter to Mr. Seaman, which I hope will prove helpful.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1. (PRilling's ltr. of March 7, to W. K. Seaman,
Johnson City, Tenn.)

March 8, 1960

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Penn Community Services, Inc.
St. Helena's Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

Enclosed you will see the memo sent today to the interagency group. You will note I have asked that the form be sent directly to you, with information on attendance also sent to me. Perhaps every two weeks or so we should compare notes. Enclosed are labels for all persons to whom the memo has been sent.

In a few of the letters I am inserting notes urging people to get with others to arrange the trip. Hope in this pressure will be reduced on transportation to a manageable degree.

Keep me informed and feel free to dump any problems in my lap.

On the matter of information on internal revenue regulations, our attorney has all of our information, though we have secured nothing new since you were here. If possible, I will send you copies of what we do have before April. However, the memo prepared by Harold is a good digest of all we know with some important interpretation included. The most important things for organizations with tax exemption at this time seems to be: (1) strict avoidance of any possible activity which could be deemed as political in nature; (2) an emphasis, especially in reporting, on the educational aspects of the operation; and, (3) strict and thorough accounting of all financial matters. While I have absolutely no authority or knowledge on which to base the opinion, I would say that Penn with its community education programs, nursery, conferences, and adult education work is well in the clear.

As to information on the board, we have found that a simple mimeographed one-page form on each member is especially helpful. Form includes; name, home and business addresses with telephone for each, with the remainder of the space for biographical data. In making foundation requests we very often include a list of the board, especially to a foundation not familiar with SRC. List does not include biographical data except to indicate position or activity of each member. Thus, Dr. Clement is identified as President of Atlanta University, Hodding Carter as Editor of Delta-Democrat Times, etc. In doing this, however, it is wise to indicate in a footnote that position or place of employment is for the purpose of identification only and does not imply endorsement of Penn by other than the individual listed.

Don't worry about being sensitive about calling on SRC; if you do good we'll take all the credit, if you don't, we won't bother to mention that we tried to help!

Best to Elizabeth and the family.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures

Via Air Mail Special March 8, 1960

Mr. Robert Brunn
Christian Science Monitor
1 Norway Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Brunn:

Enclosed is a brief statement on the student demonstrations which I hope will be suitable for your round-up.

The statement may be a bit long for your space allocation. But, since time permits mailing rather than wiring, I am sending it as is. You have my permission to cut it, if necessary.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

STATEMENT

By

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council

March 8, 1960

The student demonstrations, now a month old, show no signs of abating. Though still mainly student efforts, they are no longer purely economic or limited to "sit-downs." And as the movement has spread from moderate North Carolina into the Deep South, tension and violence have mounted. Increasingly, state and local authorities are intervening, not merely to keep the peace, but to quell the demonstrations.

The Negro students' adherence to non-violent methods has been impressive; but provocation by belligerent whites puts a severe strain on the commitment to non-violence. The trend toward repressive police actions, mass arrests, and student expulsions are ill omens. Such measures are likely only to deepen the Negro protest and encourage white vigilantism, as has already happened in Montgomery.

Most Southern whites still cling to the belief that Negroes don't really want desegregation. The demonstrations, which have strong backing in the adult Negro community, are dramatic evidence to the contrary. Through them, Negro youth are expressing their dissatisfaction with segregation and the slow pace of change through the courts. Only in a few cities has the white leadership showed signs of heeding this deeper significance of the protests. There, the mayors have appointed committees to try to negotiate settlements. A few successes would go far to point the way to solution for the whole region.

Whatever the outcome, there will be no going back. Nonviolent protest and economic pressure are here to stay. One more strand in the old social fabric of the South is broken, and Southerners have one more warning that they must learn to live peaceably with change.

- END -

March 8, 1960

Mr. Ellis H. Rece, Jr.
Administrative Assistant in
Public Relations
Paine College
Augusta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Rece:

Enclosed is a copy of our listing of materials. Only three items are listed for sale. If you desire, you might have a number of these on consignment.

Please let us know which ones you would be interested in for your conference.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Enclosure

March 8, 1960

Mrs. J. F. McLeod
1540 College Court
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mrs. McLeod:

I regret very much to inform you that Mrs. Tilly will be unable to come to Montgomery, Thursday, March 10, as planned. Mr. Tilly was taken seriously ill this morning and will probably have to go back to the hospital. I am sure Mrs. Tilly will get in touch with you as soon as it is convenient.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Luel E. Cummings
Secretary to Mrs. Tilly

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March 8, 1960

Dean John P. Roche
Office of Dean of Faculty
Brandeis University
Waltham 54, Mass.

Dear John:

For classroom use, we can let you have The Negro and the Ballot in the South for .25 per copy. If you want, we will throw in an equal number of The Negro Voter in the South, our earlier (1957) pamphlet, of which we have an over supply.

I have been here for about a year, mostly putting out reports and pamphlets.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

March 8, 1960

Mr. James E. Stewart
548 N. E. 4th Street
Oklahoma City 1, Okla.

Dear Mr. Stewart:

Many thanks for all your help. As a board member, you have received, I am sure, a copy of the Special Report which we did on the lunch counter groups. I hope it met with your approval, particularly the paragraphs recounting the Oklahoma City action and results.

I am returning the clips. We have made copies of a number of them to keep in our own files, and I want you to know how useful they all were to us.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Enclosure: clippings

March 9, 1960

Via Air Mail

Mr. Nat Griswold
Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

The only direct parallel with the inquiry to the Arkansas Council for a detailed statement of all activities is the similar inquiry which was directed to the Virginia Council last October. Dan Bowers answered this question as follows and the answer was accepted as satisfactory by the Internal Revenue Service. Since there has been so little direct experience with this kind of thing we have very little counsel to give you except to suggest something similar. In making up a list of activities, it should be borne in mind that you are seeking to qualify as an educational organization and that your activities fall, therefore, fairly strictly in this area. You are not, of course, an action or political agency.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm
Enc.

EXCERPTS FROM VIRGINIA LETTER TO IRD:

1. A detailed statement of all activities in which we have been engaged and those in which we propose to engage in the future. Our activities have been thus: (1) Helping to establish and maintain local councils on human relations throughout the state. We now have organized councils in the following areas of Virginia: Richmond, Fairfax County, Norfolk, Arlington, Alexandria, Prince William County, Charlottesville, Lynchburg, Montgomery County, and the Peninsula area. Our purpose is to educate and to encourage understanding and goodwill between people of different racial, religious and cultural backgrounds, through group meetings, consultation with community leaders, sponsoring workshops, etc. (2) We have had and plan to have future workshops in the following fields: Job Opportunities, in which we work closely with the President's Committee on Government Contracts: Ministers Workshop on areas of discrimination and how to eliminate discrimination in schools, religious life, and other areas. (3) We supply educational material on social justice, race relations, discrimination, intergroup relations, desegregation - particularly in the area of public schools. We are in favor of public schools and we seek to educate the people to the value of the public school system, along with the value of obedience to the law, obeying of the constitution, etc. I am enclosing some of our materials, together with copies of our Newsletter, from which you may draw conclusions which may completely answer this question.

Reading file

March 9, 1960

Mr. Hal Thurmond, Chairman
Kentucky Advisory Committee
to the Civil Rights Commission
Box 319
Hopkinsville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Thurmond:

We are forwarding under separate cover ten additional copies of our Special Report on the Student Protest Movement. The requests for these, in addition to our normal mailing, have been so heavy that our supply is about exhausted, and we shall have to run off additional copies. I mention this because, when we do, we may attach an addendum summarising briefly developments since the report was prepared; if we do, I shall see that you get copies of the insert.

I am returning your check. Although the Council is always grateful for contributions from those who approve of its work, this report was issued as a public service and we have distributed copies without charge. It is satisfying enough that the Kentucky Advisory Committee finds it interesting.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Mailed separately:
10 Special Report, Student Protest Movement

March 9, 1960

Via Air Mail

The Rev. Robert Hughes
Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 1218, Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Bob:

We received today a letter from Max Hahn of the Field Foundation relative to the application for assistance from the Alabama Council. Hahn's letter was specifically in answer to a letter from Harold of February 16, indicating our understanding that this was a tentative application in the process of revision.

Hahn says, however, that the special committee of the Field Foundation (on, I presume, race relations) was interested in learning whether or not the SRC "acting as the parent of the Alabama Council" might wish to submit a revised appeal. He goes on to point out that time is very short, that the deadline for the mid-April board meeting of the Field Foundation is past, and that "to receive consideration, the revised Alabama application would have to reach us promptly." This would seem to indicate that Hahn would try to get it on the agenda for the April board meeting if it is in hand shortly even though the formal deadline has passed.

We continue to have trouble clarifying for people like Max Hahn the relationship between SRC and state councils. Of course we could not act as the parent of the Alabama Council, or submit an appeal in its name. Nor does Harold feel it compatible with your status as an independent Council for him to "endorse" formally any application for assistance from the Alabama Council.

Hahn's letter does seem to give definite encouragement, however, and I would like to see the Alabama Council make some effort to submit a revised appeal now. If the appeal were of such a nature that Harold could conscientiously do so, he would be glad to write a letter saying nice things about it, by way of an "independent judgment."

The problem is, of course, in the hands of your officers and board. If you can develop a revised appeal quickly, I would hope you would let us see it before submitting it to the Field Foundation. In an effort to indicate the kind of approach that would meet with maximum support here, I am enclosing a sketchy outline of some ideas. You will remember that we have always been particularly sceptical of mass media spot announcements of a general educational type. Although the budget indicated is for one year, it would certainly do no harm to continue the three year element in your request. I doubt, however, that a foundation would be likely to approve more than a one year grant for what is in effect a pilot effort.

Harold is in agreement with the general approach of this outline.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sn

COMMUNICATIONS PROJECT, ALABAMA COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS

Objective: To reach influential Alabama leaders in various fields with information and interpretive material concerning racial problems and current tensions; to counter, to some degree, the prevailing ~~and pervailing~~ and pervasive extremist interpretation of all such developments; to approach the public directly through the use of mass media in special crisis situations where public understanding is critical.

Methods:

1. Preparation and dissemination of a series of news-releases and special materials for editorial writers, newspapers, radio and TV news directors.

2. Implementation of a research and fact-finding effort to determine the accurate facts concerning local and state problem situations.

3. Special mailings to educators, school administrators, principals and teachers, state legislators, clergymen, civic leaders, economic leaders, etc. Materials would be selected and prepared with a view to the interests and competence of each such group.

4. Reprinting and circulating under an Alabama label important articles, pamphlets and other important materials of particular value.

5. The use, in one or two special situations, of television and radio to inform and advise public opinion. An example of such strategic use of the mass media would be the recent television series in Atlanta, Ga., featuring various school superintendents from desegregated communities. Other examples would be spot appeals for negotiation and public understanding of current lunch counter demonstrations, etc.

Budget (per year)

Part time project director, public relations specialist	$3,000
Reproduction and postage	4,000
Mass media special efforts	3,000
Total	$10,000

March 9, 1960

Miss Jean Stewart, Librarian
YWCA
Nat'l Board of the Young Women's
Christian Association of the U.S.A.
600 Lexington Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Miss Stewart:

We are mailing you, the six copies of The Student Protest Movement, Winter 1960 as you requested. We are pleased that the report is of interest to you and that others are interested in such reports.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/bcc

March 9, 1960

Miss Ruth Ames, Librarian
THE REPORTER
660 Madison Avenue
New York 21, New York

Dear Miss Ames:

Thank you for your request for the Special Report on The Student Protest Movement, Winter, 1960. Enclosed is the copy you requested.

Mr. Douglas Cater and Mr. Phillip Horton of your staff both receive copies of such reports, but we will be pleased to place the library on our mailing list also. We appreciate your interest.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/bee
Encl.

March 10, 1960

Mr. Charles Shaw
Vice-President
Afro-American Life Insurance
Company
P. O. Box 2097
Houston 1, Texas

Dear Mr. Shaw:

This is to acknowledge with our thanks the information on Houston developments which you were kind enough to send us. We are doing our best to keep up with this fast-moving situation, and your cooperation as always is most helpful.

I will be sending out today or tomorrow a memorandum to our board members reporting some of the activities of SRC and state councils with regard to the student demonstrations.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 10, 1960

The Journal of Legal Education
Faculty of Law
Duke University
Duke Station
Durham, N. C.

Dear Sirs:

We would like very much to receive a copy of "Sociological Factors in the Effectiveness of Projected Legislative Remedies," by Arnold M. Rose. If you have reprints available, we would prefer a reprint; if you do not, will you please send us Vol. II, No. 4, 1959, containing this study. And please bill us for any charges.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

March 10, 1960

Social and Economic Studies
Institute of Social and Economic Research
University College of the West Indies
British W. I.

Dear Sirs:

We would like very much to receive a copy of "The Segregation of Negroes in American Cities," if you have this in reprint form. If you do not, would you send us a copy of your Vol. 6, No. 1, March, 1957, and bill us.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

March 10, 1960

American Journal of Orthopsychiatry
American Orthopsychiatry Association
1790 Broadway
New York 19, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:

We would like very much to receive a reprint of "Sociological Aspects of Desegregation," by Melvin M. Tumin, if you have reprints available. If you do not, would you please send us a copy of Vol. 29, No. 1, January, 1959 and bill us?

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

March 10, 1960

Mr. James M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

We have had several requests for copies of your Brotherhood Sunday speech in Little Rock entitled, "The Tragic Fellowship of Southerners." Nat does not seem to have a copy to spare. Do you have a copy available?

It was good to see you in Columbia last Sunday. I think we did a good day's work.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

March 10, 1960

Mr. John Hope, II
Department of Race Relations
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear John:

Alice Spearman is planning a consultation of Negro college officials for some time in late April to examine curricula. The thought is to consider the gap between present curricula and that needed to prepare college students for the rapidly changing society of today. Several Negro college presidents have expressed an interest in the idea.

She wants from us a couple of educational advisors who can participate in the meeting and indicate the current thinking about curricula needs in this kind of situation. If desired, such consultants could have copies of current catalogues to give them some insight into the situation.

Any ideas?

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

March 10, 1960

Mr. R. G. Toatley
927 Crawford Street
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Toatley:

Thank you for your letter and article concerning the student protest movement in Rock Hill. We read it with interest.

Perhaps you know that I was in Rock Hill several weeks ago and talked with Dr. Duckett and several students from Friendship Junior College. My impressions of the visit there and of interviews in most of the North Carolina cities involved will be in the March issue of NEW SOUTH.

The entire March issue of NEW SOUTH will be devoted to the student protest movement. We hope you will find it interesting.

Again, thanks for your interest and comments; and very best wishes in your work there in Rock Hill.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec

March 10

The Rev. Will Campbell
Department of Racial and Cultural Relations
National Council of Churches
P. O. Box 1083
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Will:

The South Carolina Council has requested aN ~~complete~~ interpretation of the Jim Lawson incident at Vanderbilt. They had invited Lawson to come to a meeting in Beaufort some time in the future, and are a little concerned about inviting a "controversial figure" to participate in their program there. I suspect they will go ahead with the arrangements but they would like to have some understanding of what is happening.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

March 10, 1960

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1400 Main Street, Room 605
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I very much enjoyed being with you and the South Carolina Council Sunday and Monday. It helped me a great deal to understand your problems and program direction. I hope we can do it again without waiting so long.

Everyone here was pleased that the South Carolina Council had spoken out as it did, considering the pressures of the situation. I hope you are mailing us a copy of the statement.

I have already started action on the several things you asked me to check on and hope to have word for you fairly soon.

Let us know if you see any possibility of mediation for the Consultant Service Program or SRC. Actually, before mediation can become a practical possibility, there has to be something to mediate. Most of the South Carolina demonstrations have been so spasmodic that there may not yet be a willingness on the part of business men and public officials to discuss the situation.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

March 11, 1960

Mr. Frank S. Loescher
United States-South Africa Leader
Exchange Program
345 East 46th Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Frank:

Of course, I will be happy to see the Rev. Mr. Duncan if he gets in touch with me, and I will write you my impressions promptly.

Here's wishing you a pleasant and fruitful trip to South Africa. Do give my best to the various friends I have made through you and your program.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 11, 1960

Mrs. Jane Lee Eddy
Taconic Foundation, Inc.
666 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Jane Lee:

Our reaction to the New Orleans Urban League proposal is, I should guess, the same as yours and Stephen's. The proposal is articulate and detailed about the need for a project and the organization's record, but when it comes to the project itself, it fades out. The question is what this indicates -- that the project hasn't been thought through, that words failed him, or that he simply grew tired toward the end. I suspect the first.

In any case, I should think it is worth finding out and would suggest that you write the executive saying, with your usual skill and tact, essentially what I have said above. If he then spells the project out properly and you'd like me to look at it again, I'll be glad to.

Since I last communicated, my New York meeting has been set for 11:30 to 2:00 on Wednesday the 23rd. I will probably come up the 22nd. If you and Stephen have any free time on either day, I'll hope to see you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 11, 1960

Mr. James M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

Thanks for the kind words about our recent releases, and congratulations on the South Carolina Council's fine performance.

The Brewster Hospital letter finds me completely blank. I just don't know the kind of philanthropists who help hospitals, even those for Negroes. I'm circulating the letter to others here who may have an idea; if so, I will pass it on.

I, too, was queried for the C. S. Monitor's roundup. If this keeps up, we'll have a corner on the mass media.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 11, 1960

Mr. Cornelius C. Tarplee
P. O. Box 853
Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Neil:

Thanks for your letter with regard to the special report on the student protests. On checking with John Morris, I find that he did distribute it to the Southern bishops, as well as to social action chairmen. If he hadn't, we would most certainly have followed your suggestion.

Don't talk to me about banks of snow and wishing you were in Atlanta. We just went without lights or heat for three days as a result of an ice storm. Maybe St. Helena's Island will be warm; hope to see you there, if not sooner.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Taylor's ltr to
Lwd

March 11, 1960

Mr. Marion M. Taylor
Executive Director
Tulsa Urban League
107½ N. Greenwood
Tulsa 20, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Many thanks for your letter regarding meeting and dining facilities for racially inclusive groups. This is most helpful to us.

I hope your current effort to change the policies of Tulsa Hotels will lead to early and important additions to the list!

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 11, 1960

Dr. Thomas F. Pettigrew
Department of Social Relations
Harvard University
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

Dear Tom:

I was glad to have your recent letter enclosing the draft of your forthcoming Atlanta speech. It's a fine job, and even McGill's discussantship shouldn't intimidate you.

I'm not sure whether or not I have written you that I will be away from the office that entire week, except for Monday the 21st. If I don't get a chance to see you, I hope you will plan to visit our office and to see, especially, Les Dunbar, our director of research. I am alerting Les and asking him to have available the additional information you mention.

Don't let Will's pessimism get you down. He was talking about the church institutionally, not as it works through inspired individuals. Read the ESCRU release and rejoice.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/sm

March 11, 1960

Miss Peggy Taylor
Vice-Chairman, Georgia Delegation
Oberlin College
9 South Main Street
Oberlin, Ohio

Dear Miss Taylor:

Thank you so much for your recent letter and the clipping from the Oberlin Review. It is good to learn that the battle which obsesses us here is being fought there, too, on more favorable ground.

As you probably know, the issue is being debated in Georgia in lively fashion. The Legislature's School Study Commission is touring the state and holding hearings to ascertain public opinion on closed schools versus some desegregation. Although the hearings are staged in a biased fashion, the proponents of open schools are beginning to come through loud and clear. There is increasing evidence that HOPE-type sentiment is by no means limited to Atlanta, or even the large cities of the state. You and your fellow delegates may feel quite justified in portraying this schism as an important one in the life of the state.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/sm

March 11, 1960

Miss Barbara Moffett
American Friends Service Committee
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Barbara:

I am embarrassed to find that I haven't answered your letter of February 18.

Hylan Lewis is a first-rate man, but I know him only as a researcher and analyst in this field. How he performs as an operator at the grassroots, I simply don't know; perhaps Irene Osborne does.

I get the impression that you will shortly be drawn into direct dealings with Taconic about the Prince Edward proposal. If this develops, do let me know what transpires.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/sm

March 11, 1960

Mr. John V. P. Lassoe, Jr.
N. A. I. R. O.
Room 209, 426 West 58th Street
New York 19, New York

Dear John:

Just to let you know that I read the two documents you used to support the Taconic appeal, and found them, of course, ably done. The proof is in the putting up, however, and I am awaiting with interest word of the outcome.

If the documents produce the desired result, they are obviously the best. If not, I'll be glad to offer comments toward revised versions that may move the granite-hearted.

Cheers to you under your other hat, as president of ESCRU.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/sm

March 11, 1960

Mr. J. D. Nobel
Director
The Council on Human Relations
281 The Arcade
Cleveland 14, Ohio

Dear Mr. Nobel:

We were happy to receive the copy of the excellent Resource Handbook which you were kind enough to send us. It is a very useful publication, and we are calling it to the attention of the State Councils on Human Relations.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

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to lcfs

Via air mail March 11, 1960

Mr. Fred J. van Wyk
Assistant Director
South African Institute of Race
  Relations
Auden House
68 De Korte Street
Braamfontein
Johannesburg, South Africa

Dear Dr. van Wyk:

Of course, we will be happy to render every service we can to Dr. Steinberg. I will be in touch with the persons you suggest, as well as others, with a view to having a full schedule prepared for him by April 13.

I am sending you separately a copy of our pamphlet "Race and Law Enforcement." Unfortunately, "Race in the News" is out of print, and we haven't a single copy except our own file copy.

Within the next few months, however, we will be publishing another pamphlet on this general subject. While it won't serve the handbook function of "Race in the News" it may be of some interest to you.

It is good to hear from you again. You are thought of and spoken of often here, particularly when we receive one of our rather frequent visitors from South Africa.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Encls: Official receipt; Confidential memo to Board - 3/10/60

March 11, 1960

Mr. Clifford L. Samuelson
Acting Director
The National Council of the Protestant
Episcopal Church
Home Department
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Samuelson:

We are most grateful for the National Council's 1960 grant to the work of the Southern Regional Council, and for your thoughtfulness in requisitioning it at this time.

I am enclosing our official receipt and a copy of a memorandum to our board members which you may find of interest.

With appreciation and every good wish,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

March 11, 1960

Mr. Victor I. Howery
Mr. L. K. Northwood
University of Washington
School of Social Work
Seattle 5, Washington

Dear Messrs. Howery and Northwood:

I should have written you before now regarding your questionnaires on intergroup aspects of housing in Atlanta.

Regrettably, I am neither enough of a specialist in this field, nor deeply enough involved in Atlanta's housing activities to complete the questionnaires properly. Reading them over, it did occur to me that many of the questions concern matters of record or established fact that need be answered only once for a given community. For information and assessment of this kind in Atlanta, we rely mainly on Robert A. Thompson of the Atlanta Urban League, with whom I am sure you are in touch. Under the circumstances, I am afraid I can do no more than let Mr. Thompson have my proxy.

With good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
cc: Mr. Robert A. Thompson

March 11, 1960

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
Executive Vice-President
The Field Foundation, Inc.
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Max:

This is to supplement our discussion by telephone this morning regarding the Alabama request.

On receiving your letter of March 7, I inquired into the status of the Alabama proposal. I learned that a committee of the board has been working on it and expects to submit a revised version early next week. This is all to the good; for the Alabama Council, although SRC's progeny, is in fact independent and should make the final decision about its request to the Field Foundation.

This does not mean that we have any lack of interest in the proposal. We have thoroughly reviewed the first version and offered detailed criticisms and suggestions, which I trust the committee has taken into account.

If you wish, I will be glad to give you my independent judgment of the revised request once it has reached you.

I deeply regret that I will miss seeing you in Atlanta next week. When we do get together again, perhaps we can discuss the possibility of SRC presenting the case for the state councils as a group and proposing a formula for assistance to them on the basis of carefully devised criteria.

At any rate, I hope to see you again soon.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

BC to PRilling with interoffice memo regarding Ala. situation

Name added to New South and "Friend's" list

March 14, 1960

Mrs. William F. H. Purcell
1425 Linda Ridge Road
Pasadena, California

Dear Mrs. Purcell:

Frank Loescher has suggested that I send you some of our materials describing the Southern Regional Council and illustrating its work. Several publications are enclosed, and I am taking the liberty of adding you to our mailing list.

This opportunity to acquaint you with the Council's work is particularly welcome; for we have felt for some time that there are persons like yourself on the West Coast who should know of this organization and its program. If there are others in your area who you feel might be interested in receiving similar material, I will be grateful for them.

Cordially yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures: Congressional Record Reprint
Executive Director's Report
"The Changing South"
Special Report - "Student Movement Protest..."

March 14, 1960

Mr. Henry J. McGuinn
Chairman of the Institute Steering
   Committee
Richmond Area Leadership Institute
Virginia Union University
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Mr. McGuinn:

I am complimented by your invitation to speak to the Richmond Area Leadership Institute, and deeply regret that I cannot accept. Unfortunately, I am committed to a long-scheduled meeting on May 6 and 7.

Please convey my regrets to Dr. Proctor and be assured of my interest in assisting in any way I can in future institutes.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 14, 1960

Mr. Charles T. Steele
Executive Director
Louisville Urban League
608 W. Walnut Street
Louisville 3, Kentucky

Dear Charlie:

My thanks, again, for passing along the word to the Southern Urban Leagues; and herewith our check for the telephone expense.

We will be doing a re-run of the report on the student protests next week, and I will see that 25 copies are sent to you as soon as they are ready. I am glad you find it a useful document; we have been very pleased by the widespread and favorable response to it.

My best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1. (Check #

VIA AIR MAIL SPECIAL March 14, 1960

Mrs. Frances T. Cahn
Director of Program Planning
White House Conference on Children and Youth
330 Independence Avenue, S. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Cahn:

As promised, I am enclosing a copy of Mr. Fleming's speech to be presented at your Conference on March 29. Enclosed also is a glossy print which I would appreciate having returned when you have made use of it.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mildred Flowers
Secretary to the Director

MF
Enclosures

March 14, 1960

The Rev. Dan Bowers
Executive Director
Virginia Council on Human Relations
216-C Broad-Grace Arcade Building
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Dan:

I very much appreciated the opportunity of being in Richmond Friday. It helped me get a more clear picture of the forces that are moving on the sit-down matter in Virginia. I certainly did not expect to be able to meet with all the key figures in the situation in the space of 24 hours, and appreciate your making it possible.

I think that you are playing the most constructive role possible in the entire situation to date. I hope that you can also find it possible to give some guidance in the Lynchburg situation.

I was most impressed with the caliber of leadership and the general spirit of the Richmond Council. I think that in rejuvenating this group you have pulled off a minor miracle of great significance.

I am anxious to learn of the developments concerning plans for negotiation in Richmond and Petersburg, and Hampton - Newport News. As I understand it, the negotiation strategy will be:

1. To request the ministers group to seek the support of business interests for an interracial group by today.

2. The Richmond Council through its chairman, Dr. Thompson to present a request to the city council for the appointment of an interracial committee to deal with interracial problems.

3. Certain members of the Richmond Council will personally contact members of the City Council to win their approval for this idea.

4. If the ministers' group is unwilling or unable to work with business men, a committee from the Richmond Council will attempt to win its support for the appointment of an interracial committee.

5. If the City Council votes no on the proposal, the Richmond Council will take the initiative in bringing together the various parties for negotiation purposes.

6. If the City Council postpones action on the request, an effort will be made to swing the support of other civic and religious groups behind the idea in time for the following Council meeting.

7. The effort will continue to encourage members of the Richmond Council to honor the current picket line and to protest in individual letters to Thalhimer's, the recent arrest of Negro students.

8. If at any time it seems useful, SRC is willing to send in a biracial fact-finding team to explore the potential of the situation. This would probably be the useful move in case the City Council refuses to approve the official committee.

9. I think it would be a useful move for you to have personal off-the-record meetings with several of the officials in Petersburg, unless you can persuade Ben Muse to do this particular job for you.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

March 14, 1960

Mr. Ed Fuller
48 Blackstone Road
Attleboro, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Fuller:

We are mailing you, under separate cover, some material which might be of aid to you for your paper.

We appreciate your interests; and if we can be of additional aid, please write us.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec

March 14, 1960

Mrs. Jack Levy
110.6 Crystal Springs
Spartanburg, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Levy:

Thank you for your request for materials. We are mailing the copies of NEW SOUTH and the NEGRO AND THE BALLOT under separate cover. Also enclosed is an informational brochure concerning the Council and some of its reports.

Yes you can subscribe to NEW SOUTH from France. The subscription price is $2.00 per year.

With very best wishes for your work.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec

March 15, 1960

Mr. James L. Weaver
3111 - 20th Street North
Apt. C-742
Arlington 1, Virginia

Dear Mr. Weaver:

We are sending you under separate cover one copy each of the two voting pamphlets in which you are interested.

The Southern attempts to by-pass Smith v. Allwright have been described in many places. Two sources which probably would be available at your library: V. O. Key, Southern Politics, pages 625-43; and T. I. Emerson and David Haber, Political and Civil Rights in the U. S., second edition, pages 186-228.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Mailed separately:
The Negro Voter in the South
The Negro and the Ballot in the South

March 15, 1960

Mr. James B. Jalenak
Branford College
Yale University
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mr. Jalenak:

After some consideration I am unable to suggest to you any source of funds to assist you with your paper. We do plan some further work in this field ourselves, but, because of the great expense, we have always avoided any use of polling. I wish you all success, however, and if we can be of any further help to you please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

March 15, 1960

The Rev. Henry Koestline
Pasadena Community Church
Second Avenue South at 17th Street
St. Petersburg 7, Florida

Dear Mr. Koestline:

I read the statements which you forwarded of the St. Petersburg Ministerial Association and St. Petersburg Council on Human Relations. I have no criticism to offer on either; I think they are fine. You may be interested in a report we have done on the student demonstrations, and I am enclosing a copy.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Enclosure:
Student Protest Movement

March 15, 1960

Dr. Robert J. Johnson
1304 Fikewood Drive
Wilson, N. C.

Dear Dr. Johnson:

We are mailing you today the requested Special Report--you will note that a postscript has been added, bringing the report up to March 13. We had so many requests for this report that a re-run was necessary, and so we included the additional information.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

March 15, 1960

Via Air Mail

Mr. Harry Jones
Executive Director
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 E. Third Street, Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

I would like to make my deferred visit to your office some time in the near future if we can find a mutually agreeable time. I realize you are probably rather busy these days with sit-downs popping all over your state. Of course, these activities would both be an argument for and against my coming at this time. I will be guided by your judgment.

For my schedule, the latter part of next week, say March 24 and 25, or some time the week of April 4 would be convenient.

Let me know your reaction.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

March 15, 1960

Professor Frank H. Stallings
Department of Education
University of Louisville
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Stallings:

We held up release on the chance that another decision would be coming from district court here in Atlanta on the Atlanta school case. When it was announced last week that there would be no further order until May, we released the report on March 14, together with the other enclosed report, both covered by a press release. It seemed to me that the Commission on Civil Rights quotations naturally supplemented your analysis and I hope you agree.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Enclosures:
L-16, L-17, press release

March 15, 1960

Dr. Wm. Henry Oliver
Superintendent of City Schools
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Oliver:

We want to thank you for your letter of January 8 and hope that you will find satisfactory the use made of it in the enclosed report, L-17. I omitted the last sentence of your letter for the sole reason that I was afraid the hasty reader might think that it contradicted in part the second sentence of your letter--which is the first sentence of our excerpt.

I suppose this sort of letter is not the best occasion for saying so, but I do want to tell you that a few weeks ago I read the full report of Kelly v. N Nashville, and was uniquely impressed by the testimony that you and your predecessor gave. I think there is growing respect throughout the South, and in the North as well, for the methods you have followed in Nashville.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Enclosures:
L-16, L-17, press release

March 15, 1960

Mr. Chas. A. Shaw
Vice President
Afro-American Life Insurance Co.
P. O. Box 2097
Houston 1, Texas

Dear Mr. Shaw:

It was I who called you on March 7. I hope that you find the Special Report which we did on the protest movement, and which was the cause of my call, to have been satisfactory. Requests for the report have been so heavy that we have had to re-run, and before doing so have made some effort to bring it up to date by the addition of a postscript. I am enclosing a copy of the postscript, although you will be getting one in due course anyhow.

Many thanks for the clippings. We subscribe to the Houston Post, but the clips from the Chronicle were most welcome.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Enclosure: postscript,
student protest

March 15, 1960

Mr. Harry Fleischman
Director
National Labor Service
  Institute of Human Relations
165 East 56 Street
New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Harry:

Harold is on vacation, but in his absence we shall be very glad to put Mr. Rich on our mailing list. A copy of a postscript for the student protest report is enclosed, though I suppose you will be getting one anyhow in due course.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Enclosure: postscript,
student protest movement

March 15, 1960

Mr. Henry Brandon, Chief
North American Bureau
The Sunday Times of London
3501 Rodman Street, N. W.
Washington 8, D. C.

Dear Mr. Brandon:

Thank you for your request for our latest report. It is being sent to you under separate cover.

We also have added your name to our press list and you will recieve our reports as they are released.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

VIA AIR MAIL March 16, 1960

Mr. Irving Carlyle
Wachovia Bank Building
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Carlyle:

Harold Fleming is away from the office this week. However, the enclosed draft of a proposal to the Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation was completed before he left and we would like for you to see it before it is submitted. We would welcome your comments as to content, amount requested, and whether or not you think it would be wise to ask for support for more than one year.

A list of the materials to be sent with the request is enclosed.

We continue to be grateful for your interest and assistance in this matter.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

pa/mf
Enclosures

VIA AIR MAIL March 16, 1960

Mr. J. Ray Shute
J. R. Shute Company
Monroe, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Shute:

Harold Fleming is away from the office for the week. Therefore, I should like to acknowledge your letter of the 11th.

The 100 copies of the revised Special Report are being mailed to you under separate cover. John Constable advises me that his article will appear in the March issue of New South. He will see that you receive 100 copies as soon as they are available. There is no charge for these materials since we are sure you will see to it that they are well used.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

March 16, 1960

Mr. Robert T. Adams
23 Calumet Place
Buffalo 7, New York

Dear Mr. Adams:

Harold Fleming is away from the office and will not return prior to your trip of March 21. Therefore, I should like to acknowledge your letter of the 11.

Unfortunately, I can suggest little other than the obvious. I do hope, however, that you plan to call on John Lasso, Director of the National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials, 426 West 58th Street, New York 19. N.A.I.R.O., as you probably know, keeps a current listing of openings in the intergroup relations field. And, I am sure you plan to call on the AFSC while in Philadelphia.

Your letter will be called to Mr. Fleming's attention on his return. If he has additional suggestions, I am sure that you will hear from him shortly.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

March 16, 1960

Mr. Irwin Schulman
Regional Director
Anti-Defamation League
606 Common Street, Rm. 401
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Irv:

Harold is away from the office for the week so I answer your letter of the 14th.

Thanks for the good words about the Special Report; they will be passed on to Les Dumbar and his staff.

Under separate cover we are mailing the 25 copies of the Report. More will cost you good money.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

VIA AIR MAIL March 16, 1960

Miss Mary Alice Baldinger
National Civil Liberties Clearing House
1637 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Miss Baldinger:

Harold Fleming is away for the week, therefore, I am answering your letter of the 15th.

As to your first question, while I do not know this, I feel certain that Harold's remarks will not be in writing beforehand!

The mimeographing of the Special Reports of the Student Protest Movement is being completed today. The 350 copies (along with a like number of the voting study) will be sent to you tomorrow morning - rail express.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

March 16, 1960

Mr. Mickey Levine
National Chairman
American Veterans Committee
1830 Jefferson Place, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mickey:

It was a pleasure seeing you and Lou, and I am glad to find that you successfully penetrated McClelland's would-be iron curtain.

I'll look forward to seeing your report, from which we can learn a great deal.

Meanwhile, we'll be prepared to cooperate in every way we can with your additional survey next fall.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 16, 1960

Mr. Alexander F. Miller
Anti-Defamation League
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Alex:

Thanks for your kind words about our Special Report -- imitation is the sincerest form of flattery.

I am in substantial agreement with the points you make, except that I'm not so sure that these new developments will move as swiftly as you seem to indicate. But, however, swiftly, they are moving, and a certain amount of violence seems unavoidable.

We will know more when we see how events unfold here in Atlanta -- the stronghold of Deep South moderation.

My best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 16, 1960

Mr. Hans Spiegel, Director
Community Tensions Center
Springfield College
Springfield 9, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Spiegel:

I expect to be in New York March 22nd and 23rd. Is there any chance of our getting together there on either day, preferably the afternoon or evening of the 22nd?

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 16, 1960

Dr. E. Cl~~e~~inton Gardner
Emory University
Atlanta 22, Georgia

Dear Clinton:

I was glad to have the revised version of the proposal.

The Field Foundation is meeting in April, I understand, and will presumably act on the request at that time. As soon as you know the result, do let me know so that we can either discuss other sources or, hopefully, talk about the launching of the project.

Best regards to you and Earl.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 16, 1960

Mr. Benjamin Muse
c/o O. Henry Hotel
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Muse:

Harold is out of the office this week and will not return until next Monday. Your recent letter will be brought to his attention upon his arrival.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mildred Flowers
Secretary to the Director

MF

March 16, 1960

Mr. Frank McCallister, Director
Labor Education Division
Roosevelt University
430 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago 5, Illinois

Dear Mr. McCallister:

Thank you for your letter of March 10.

I wish to apologize for the delay in sending you a copy of our Special Report. The delay, however, has been caused by our efforts to up-date the report and this has just been completed; hence, I am enclosing a revised copy.

The "ACCA" pamphlet which you mentioned is a good one and has served useful purposes in the Atlanta area.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mildred Flowers
Secretary to the Director

MF
Enclosure - 1.

AIR MAIL SPECIAL March 16, 1960

Mr. William H. Swan
State Advisory Committee Section
Commission on Civil Rights
726 Jackson Place, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Swan:

Under separate cover, air mail special delivery, we have mailed today the twenty-four (24) copies of the Special Report which you requested.

In checking with our Research Department I find that approximately two pages of the report concern the legal aspects of the situation. They are of the opinion that our comments and analysis ought not go beyond this.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

March 16, 1960

Mrs. Margaret G. Dabney
Supervisor, Adult Education
Virginia State College
Petersburg, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Dabney:

In reply to your letter of March 10, we have less than 25 copies of Race and Law Enforcement, and we need these for our research projects. It has been out of print for some time, and since it is eight years old, we do not plan any re-print.

I am sending you a copy of a later pamphlet, put out by the Anti-Defamation League, called ...With Justice for All: a guide for law enforcement officers. It can be ordered from the Anti-Defamation League, 41 Exchange Place, Atlanta, Ga. at .35 each. I have just talked with them on the telephone and they might make you some slight reduction on an order of 150 copies--at least 10%, I believe. Perhaps more. Anyhow, if you think this pamphlet would serve your purposes you could write them.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

Enclosure:
...With Justice for All

March 16, 1960

Mr. James C. Evans
Civilian Assistant
Office of the Assistant Secretary
of Defense
Manpower, Personnel and Reserve
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Evans:

I hope you will pardon this long delay in replying to your letter regarding possible case studies of integrated schools serving dependents of military personnel. This indicates no lack of interest on our part; on the contrary, the matter has had serious consideration within our staff.

Among others with whom I have raised this question is our mutual friend William Peters. Bill feels there might possibly be a magazine article in the idea, and would be glad to have such background data as you might furnish him.

If this doesn't materialize, we would be happy to consider a report based on such data as is a matter of record. The case study approach raises personnel problems that we are not certain we could work out quickly.

We are also wondering whether the round-up in Southern School News seems to you to alter the situation. How much of the desired objective do you feel this meets?

In any case, we should like to consider the matter further and would welcome your additional suggestions, as well as such background information as you can readily send us.

Cordially yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 17, 1960

Mr. Ben Segal, Director
Education Department
I. U. E., AFL-CIO
1126 Sixteenth Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Ben:

Harold is away for the week, so in the interest of time, I am answering your letter of the 15th.

Under separate cover we are sending an updated Special Report on the Student Protest Movement. Included also is a recent issue of the Citizens' Council. If you need more of this kind of material, let us know. We have plenty, of course, though this particular paper is being sent since we have several copies.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

March 17, 1960

Mr. Bill Carriger
Alpha Tau Omega
DePauw University
Greencastle, Indiana

Dear Mr. Carriger:

Mr. Fleming, who is away from the office, has asked that I answer your letter of the 7th.

I have checked and find that Mr. Pitts will be out of the city on the 29th. For this reason, and since the time and place of your meeting are severely limited, it would appear to me that this hour could be most profitably arranged after you arrive. However, if there are other arrangements which we might make, we'll be happy to try.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

Mailed separately: Student Protest Movement (Special Rept.)

March 17, 1960

Mr. Solomon Barkin
Textile Workers Union of America
99 University Place
New York 3, New York

Dear Mr. Barkin:

Since Mr. Fleming is away from the office for an extended period, I am answering your letter of the 14th.

Under separate cover, we are sending you an up-dated version of our Special Report on the Student Protest Movement. We have not made a study of the reaction of the white worker nor, unfortunately, do we know of one.

Your letter will be called to Mr. Fleming's attention next week and I am sure you will hear from him then if he can be of any further assistance to you.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

March 17, 1960

Dr. K. Steinberg
18 Ipswich Avenue
Great Neck,
Long Island, New York

Dear Dr. Steinbert:

Mr. Fleming is away from the office and in the interest of time, I am responding to your letter of the 14th.

We will be pleased to be of any help possible during your visit to Atlanta. A reservation has been made for you at the Atlantan Hotel. This hotel, which in the past has served us well with moderate rooms for foreign visitors, is in downtown Atlanta - one block from the first stop of the airport limousine.

At your convenience, would you please notify us of your arrival and departure hours so that we may begin to make appropriate appointments for you.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

March 17, 1960

Via Air Mail

Mr. John Walker
Associate Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 W. Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear John:

Concerning your question about the attitudes of college administrators generally toward the current wave of student protest demonstrations, we do not have too much specific information but the following general conclusions would, I believe be justified:

1. For the most part, although college administrations have not encouraged these protests, they have rarely made any effort to squelch them through the use of official authority. In only one college have any disciplinary actions been taken. This was at Alabama State College where the president under direct orders from the Governor expelled some of the protest leadership.

2. College administrators have exerted a cautionary and restraining influence on students in many cases. This has ranged from advice that the demonstrations not take place to suggestions that they be timed and coordinated in a particular fashion for strategic reasons. I kn ow of only one case where reportedly college administration has been responsible for persuading students to abandon the sit-down idea. This was in New Orleans, where we understand the administration of Dillard University persuaded the students to participate in an on-campus demonstration instead. We understand that authorities at Atlanta University cautioned postponement of demonstrations but made no real effort to do more than suggest their ideas to student leadership. In Richmond, Virginia and in Allen and Benedict Colleges in South Carolina, college administrators urged the students to cease their

demonstrations after they had made the initial protest. The argument in each case was that the students should desist until legal litigation had been concluded. I suspect that in some of these cases the demonstrations have been more effective for the restraining and counseling influence of college administrators.

3. Two colleges in North Carolina did take strong stands against the demonstrations. The administration of North Carolina College issued a strong statement. And the president of the student body at Fayetteville State Teachers College was forced to resign from this office by the administration because of his prominent involvement in the protest movement.

4. In the majority of cases, college presidents and administrators generally have given open support and understanding to the demonstrators after the fact. At A & T College and Friendship Junior College in North Carolina, the administrations went further giving particularly strong and forceful support publicly to the students.

Keep us informed on how it is developing out your way.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

March 17, 1960

Mr. George B. Tindall
Department of History
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Mr. Tindall:

M

You will probably be interested in seeing the enclosed letter, which represents our first step in a survey of meeting accomodations available to biracial groups. It was mailed to some 50 intergroup organizations - the majority of which replied - in mid-February.

Unfortunately, we have been able to give the project only sporadic attention during the last month, but we do hope to complete within the next week mailing of detailed questionnaires to the following:

1. Convention bureaus in those Southern cities in which they exist.

2. Chambers of Commerce in 90 cities, selected on the basis of size or other factors making them suitable convention sites.

3. Some 231 hotels in these cities, selected on the basis of number of rooms (100 or over).

4. A (yet undetermined) number of regional and national organizations. As you suggested in your letter of December 12, 1959, to Harold Fleming, these groups will be questioned in regard to their attitudes on the problem of non-discriminatory meeting accommodations.

We hope that returns from these mailings will provide information which will enable us to issue a final report in two sections: one will be a directory of non-discriminatory facilities; the second will be in the form of an interpretive piece concerned with the attitudes of the groups, loss to the region in convention business, the variances in practice from state to state, laws and ordinances, etc.

I have the list of meeting places you forwarded Mr. Fleming in December, and it has already been of considerable help. We will, of course, be happy to receive any of your suggestions or comments on the survey. We will write you again when we have further information which may be of interest.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM:a
Enclosure, form letter

March 18, 1960

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Penn Community Center
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

I am enclosing another draft of our proposed discussion outline. I think this one is somewhat more simplified and better organized. Perhaps it is too simple. I agree with you that "rural" could be easily defined for our purposes in terms of under 10,000.

It was good to see you recently in Columbia. I had a good session with Alice the next day.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

HOW CAN BETTER HUMAN RELATIONS AND MORE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL CITIZENS BE ACHIEVED IN THE RURAL AREAS OF SOUTH CAROLINA?

Work Group Discussion Outline

Friday evening:

I. Introductions with biographical information

II. Brief statement on Penn

III. Background material and statistics on South Carolina--explanation of maps, graphs, etc.

IV. Procedures for discussion, definition of terms, relation of study to other Southern rural areas

Saturday (Sessions 9:00 - 12:00; 1:30-4:30; 8:00 - 10:00; Sunday 9:00 - 12:00)

I. What is the nature of the problem?
  A. Low economic status of rural population, of rural Negro population.
  B. Outmigration to cities, other areas of the country.
  C. Low level of political participation of Negroes.
  D. Shortage of trained Negro leadership.
  E. Limited economic opportunities.
  F. Traditional Southern pattern of relations between the races.

II. How can interested groups, agencies contribute to the alleviation of these problems?
  A. Available resources within the rural area.
  B. Resources within the state, from outside South Carolina
  C. Organizations and agencies that can be involved.
  D. Program and tactics.
  E. Establishment of priorities.
  F. Identification of more promising areas within the state.

III. What should be the specific next steps?

March 18, 1960

Mr. Dwight Wiebe
VS & 1-W Director
Mennonite Central Committee
Akron, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Wiebe:

Harold Fleming has asked me to respond to your recent letter asking for suggestions as to ways that the Mennonite Committee can be of service in the South. I am responsible for our working contacts with other agencies, but all of us here have given considerable thought to the issues you raise.

We know of the work and reputation of the Mennonite Central Committee and I feel fairly sure that with sufficient consideration we will be able to find several important ways in which the Committee can work in the South. I am going to share this letter with representatives of all agencies working in the South in the field of race relations. We have an interagency meeting scheduled at the Penn Community Center in Frogmore, South Carolina on April 21 and 22. Perhaps you would like to attend the meeting or have the Mennonite Central Committee represented at these discussipns. These meetings are held quarterly to provide an opportunity for staff workers of the religious and civic groups concerned to inform each other of their program activities and to think together about more effective ways of meeting the needs of the region in this important field. We would be happy to have the benefit of your thinking and to give you an opportunity to discuss the possible role of the Central Committee with the entire group.

Only two ideas have occurred to me thus far. Both of them relate to situations where Negro children are being denied the facilities of public school due to the current conflict over public school desegregation. In Burnsville, North Carolina, the entire Negro school population is refusing to attend public schools 30 miles away and is therefore receiving no public education. Some 25 of these children are being taught in the basement of a Negro church in the small mountain community of Burnsville. The only instruction being received is from one elderly retired Negro teacher who attempts to operate with inadequate material after the fashion of the one-room school covering eight grades. It would seem to me that it might be a very fine contribution if some white teacher could share the work at this school. It would serve a real educational need and would perhaps be a good morale factor for this small Negro community. It might not prove feasible for a white teacher to become involved in this situation but I think it would be well worth exploring. We could send you further information on this community, or you could write directly to Miss Rosella Hill, 331 College Street, Asheville, North Carolina.

An even more critical situation is in Prince Edward County, Virginia, where all public schools have been abandoned. The white children are being educated at "private" schools in a fairly well organized fashion. The 1,600 Negro children, however, are receiving no education whatsoever. This is an agricultural County, with an approximately 50 -50 racial division of the population. There is very little educated Negro leadership in the community but the Negro group seems to have a high morale and is fairly well organized and coordinated. A few of the high school students have been sent to Kittrell Junior College in North Carolina on a part scholarship basis. Most of the children are receiving nothing more than recreational supervision if that.

To say that there is a critical need for volunteer teachers in a situation like this is to make a drastic understatement. Again, the involvement of white teachers might pose a problem as well as provide certain advantages. We have been trying hard to find some way to bring about the organization of an educational program for these children which would not replace schools but would meet some of the real needs. We have been unsuccessful so far. The need is obviously very urgent.

Let us hear further from you and I will pass on other ideas as they occur to us and others in the field.

We are not too familiar here with needs that may exist in the field of health but we are making inquiries concerning your suggestion of possible assistance in the medical field.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

March 18, 1960

Mr. Arnold Aronson
Consultative Conference on Desegregation
55 West 42nd Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Arnold:

I believe that most of our directors of state Councils on Human Relations are on the mailing list for Mass Media Committee memoranda and reports. We have heard from one or two, however, that they are not receiving this material. If it is in order, we would appreciate it if you would check our list of directors and make sure that they are all included on your mailing lists.

The Rev. Robert Hughes, Alabama Council on Human Relations; Room 1218, Comer Building; Birmingham 3, Ala.
Mr. Nat Griswold, Arkansas Council on Human Relations; 1220 West Capitol; Little Rock, Arkansas.
The Rev. William K. Williams, Florida Council on Human Relations; 4241 S. W. 109 Court; Miami, Florida.
Dr. W. C. Cowart, Georgia Council on Human Relations 63 Auburn Ave., N.E, Room 424, Atlanta 3, Ga.
Dr. Rufus B. Atwood, Kentucky Council on Human Relations; P. O. Box 338; Frankfort, Kentucky.
Mr. Harry Jones, N.C. Council on Human Relations; Room 209 121 E. Third Street; Charlotte, N.C.
Mrs. E. H. Spearman, S. C. Council on Human Relations; Room 605, 1400 Main Street; Columbia, S.C.
Miss Louise Young, Tennessee Council on Human Relations; 2001 Division Street; Nashville, Tennessee.
The Rev. Dan Bowers, Virginia Council on Human Relations; 216-C Broad-Grace Arcade Building; Richmond 19, Virginia

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

March 18, 1960

Mrs. J. F. McLeod
1540 College Court
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mrs. McLeod:

The sun is really shining in Atlanta now, not only out doors but in the hearts of the Tilly family. We brought Mr. Tilly home yesterday and I really believe they found the cause of his collapse that early Tuesday morning.

Now you can give me two or three dates and surely I will come to see you. I know you rejoice with me in the good news that Mr. Tilly is better. Tell the rest of them.

Awaiting to get the new date, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

March 18, 1960

Mrs. Thelma Richman
Women's Division
American Jewish Congress
Stephen Wise Congress House
15 East 84th Street
New York 28, New York

Dear Mrs. Richman:

This is a belated note of thanks and appreciation for our wonderful conference we had in February. We have mimeographed the report and it will be mailed to key women of the Fellowship of the Concerned of the South.

All of this delay is because my husband has been so seriously ill. We took him back to the hospital almost in a dying condition two weeks ago, but we are so grateful now that he is fully on the road to recovery. But in the meantime I had little thoughts of anything else except for his care. This is really my apology and excuse.

As soon as our date is definitely set in November for the meeting of the Fellowship of the Concerned, I will let you know. I have the same problem you have of finding dates that will suit any organization.

With thanks and best wishes to you, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

March 18, 1960

Miss Thelma Stevens
Women's Division of Christian Service
The Methodist Church
475 Riverside Drive
New York 27, New York

Dear Thelma:

I am sending you three chapters of a continued story. No one knows what the end of this story will be nor the supplementary editions. You will have to admit that it is at least interesting to live in the South, but quiet upsetting.

We are planning now--the date not ~~quiet~~ quite certain--for our southwide meeting this fall of the Fellowship of the Concerned. I want you with us this time. We really do need you. As soon as the date is definitely set, I will wire you.

With the best of wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Enclosures

March 18, 1960

Mr. Samuel Southard
Associate Professor Psychology
of Religion
The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
2825 Lexington Road
Louisville 6, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Southard:

Thank you for your request for a copy of the SOUTHERN HERITAGE. Our supply has been exhausted but we have some on order from the publisher. We will mail you one as soon as they arrive. The price will be $2.50 including postage. We will bill you when we mail the book.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

March 21, 1960

Mr. Wm. A. Lufburrow
P. O. Box No. 634
Augusta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Lufburrow:

We are pleased to send you the requested reports on academic achievement in integrated schools.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Enclosures: L-16, L-17

March 21, 1960

Mr. R. W. Brown
Dean of Research
P. O. Box 188
Tuskegee Institute
Alabama

Dear Mr. Brown:

We are pleased to send you the requested copy of our Special Report on the student protest movement. Since the report was issued on February 25, we have re-run it, with a postscript bringing it up to date to March 7. We are sending you the latter, and later, report.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

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March 21, 1960

MISS
~~Mrs.~~ Louise Young
416 - 21st Avenue South
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Louise:

Your idea of a survey of rest room facilities is of course a good one, but I am afraid we will have to forego it, at least for the present. We are simply over-loaded with projects, current and planned.

I wish that I could give you another answer, but I am afraid we could not do justice to the undertaking.

Best wishes,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:sa

March 21, 1960

Mrs. Francis Pickens Miller
Box 3665
University Station
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Miller:

I am having a little trouble getting the figures to come out right, and not as much time as I would like to have to worry with it. I wanted you to know, however, that I have not forgotten the promise to send you quickly a summary of involvement of northern industrial companies in the South.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

__via air mail special__ March 21, 1960

Miss Mary Alice Baldinger
National Civil Liberties Clearing House
1637 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mary Alice:

Well, you asked for it so I have hurriedly knocked out the attached pages. I have no idea what I would have said otherwise, or what I may say in addition to this, but if you want to use this for news release purposes, I promise that I will say it.

I am also attaching something in the way of biographical data, which Clarence Mitchell may draw on at will.

I am looking forward to seeing you on Thursday.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 2.

For presentation at the Civil Liberties
Clearing House Annual Conference, March 24, 1960
by: Harold C. Fleming

How do we get civil rights progess in the South? Or anywhere else for that matter?

In the case of the South -- the area I know best -- what is involved is a complicated interplay of forces: a variety of pressures from inside and outside the region, and the response of the powers-that-be to those pressures.

Clearly, this complex process can't be reduced to a formula. But if it could, we know what some of the main factors in the equation would be.

First and foremost is the ability and determination of Negroes themselves to achieve equal rights. This is the indispensable factor -- or, to change the analogy, the steam in the boiler, without which the engine won't move. And the steam is building up. The "sit-in" protests are the most dramatic evidence yet that Negro Southerners are no longer willing to play the part of contented subordinates, the role in which they were cast for so long by the white South. True, it is the young people who are doing most of the demonstrating, but they have widespread support among their elders. The demonstrations have fired the imagination of the Negro group, young and old, and there is no sign that the movement will fizzle out, panty-raid style, as so many complacemt people assumed at the beginning. It may change form or direction, but its momentum is as permanent as segregation.

The most important effect of the "sit-ins" may not be the number of lunch-counters or other facilities desegregated -- so far there have been very few -- but the communication they establish across racial lines. Southern whites cling tenaciously to the myth of the "happy Negro," who not only acquiesces in segregation, but finds a positive joy in it. All of the events that have transpired since May 1954 have not yet dispelled this wistful image. It is not hard to understand why. At some level of consciousness, even the most prejudiced white person knows that segregation is an impossibility if Negroes en masse refuse to play the game. Whenever and wherever a majority of the segregated group begin simply to refuse to play by the old rules, the only way segregation can be maintained is through continuous and ruthless coercion - in effect, through a police state. In our kind of society -- particularly the modern, urban South -- this is not a tolerable prospect. For it would mean sacrificing everything else the society is striving for -- industry, prosperity, law and order, and social progress on every other front.

I do not mean that all of this has been perceived and understood by the white South; only that Negroes, through their actions, are sending the message loud and clear. Even the most unwilling receiver is bound to start picking it up as the protests spread and continue.

The second factor in the equation is the readiness of white leadership in the South to come to terms with the new aspirations of Negroes, and the mandates they have won in the courts. In this respect, the Solid South abruptly falls apart. As the school desegregation issue has demonstrated, the enthusiasm for another Pickett's charge is by no means universal in the former Confederate states. There never has been much power behind voluntary change in the South. What differentiates one part of the region from another is a quality of reasonableness, a willingness to make some concessions to the inevitable, and an unwillingness to cut off the nose to spite the face. These are not heroic virtues, but to anyone concerned about civil rights in the South, they are important ones. And fortunately they are spreading. The severest challenge of the die-hard segregationists is not coming exclusively from Negroes and the Federal courts; it is also coming from fellow whites who want to keep the public school system and the business economy intact.

The third factor in our hypothetical equation is what may be called the national will. Negroes are, after all, a minority in the South, as in the country as a whole. The rapidity and the extent of their achievement of equal rights depend on the support they get from the federal government and other national institutions.

I confess that I have always been one to view with alarm the depth of the national commitment to civil rights. This probably stems from my exposure, limited and distorted though it was, to American history. It is an undisputed fact that once before at a crucial time the rest of the nation grew tired of the wearisome problems of the South and turned its back on the problems of civil rights below the Potomac. Of course, this can never happen again in quite the same way, if only because the issue is now world-wide in importance and the mass media lay it on our doorsteps, or in our breakfast rooms with Garroway, every morning. But, as I follow the developments in Congress and read some of the statements made by influential Americans, my blood sometimes runs a trifle cold and the ghost of Rutherford B. Hayes seems to be breathing on my neck.

Maybe I am over-sensitive on this score. But, since we are dragging to the end of another congressional wrangle over civil rights, let me mention one or two of the reasons for my uneasiness.

It appears to me there is a chronic tendency to underestimate the skill and tenacity of traditional Southern leadership. Perh aps the Senator Claghorn stereotype is as deeply planted in the Yankee mind as the Stepinfetchit stereotype is in the Soothern mind. In any case, I can hardly bring myself to watch those television shows on which a panel of hard-bitten newsmen are supposed to grill a Southern Congressman or Senator. Too often, I have watched the questioners start out with a patronizing air to make mincemeat of their Southern victim, only to wind up being minced and patronized themselves. Of course, this also happens on occasion when the intended victim is not an anti-civil rights Southerner, but not, I think, with the same appalling regularity.

What happens is that the Southern lawmaker has done his homework; he is steeped in anti-civil rights lore; he is on home ground, and he knows how to turn his opponents' arguments against them. This may not be very important on a television program, but it becomes vital on the floor of the House or the Senate. There, it frequently seems that only a handful of liberals are either as committed or as well prepared as the traditional Southerners..

The outcome of this Congressional skirmishing is, in some ways, less important than what it seems to say about the depth and sincerity of the national commitment to civil rights. When you add to it the persistence of de facto desegregation in housing, schools, and employment in the North and West, there are grounds aplenty for uneasiness.

Don't misunderstand me. I'm not interested in playing the old game of "You're Another" that is so popular in my part of the country. If Chicago or New York were practicing outright apartheid, it wouldn't affect my views of what should be done in the South. But I am painfully conscious, as we all must be, of the effect of such attitudes on Southern reactions to civil rights pressure. To the extent that Southerners can find evidence to support the argument that the rest of the nation -- or, as we say, the "North" -- is insincere or hypocritical in its allegiance to civil rights, to that extent they can deny the inevitability, and even the rightness, of desegregation. When the Congress of the United States refuses to endorse the Supreme Court's school decision, resistance to the decision gets a new lease on life. For what I express as a fear is a hope for many Southerners -- the hope that 1877 will come again and a bored and disgusted nation will leave the South to handle the race problem in its own way.

Even though this won't happen, developments that encourage that hope will postpone the day when Negro and white Southerners will live together as equal citizens, in law and in fact.

March 21, 1960

Professor Donald Matthews
Department of Political Science
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Don:

It is good news that you are coming to Atlanta next month. I hope we have a few things here to make it worth your while, though by this time you are probably well advanced beyond us. But whether or not it is worthwhile to you, I am sure it will be to us.

April 7-8 is fine for the business side of the trip; Harold Fleming is on jury duty then, but should not be tied up the whole time. Our home situation is that we are expecting guests (mother and teen-age son) on the 8th and 9th, which means that we can bed you only on the 7th, and we are hoping that you plan to stay over Friday night. But if you can take a hotel on Friday night, the timing would be perfect all around. We are also in good shape at the office and home any time in April except the week after Easter.

You are bringing Maggie too, I trust.

Incidentally, we have a letter here from Thomas F. Pettigrew, who is now at the Department of Social Relations, Harvard (Emerson Hall, Cambridge 38). He would like a copy of the North Carolina voting data that you worked up.

Would it be possible for you to send it directly to him and save us the trouble of thermofaxing it?

Give my best to Maggie, and I'll look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

March 21, 1960

Mrs. Leonard Levine
Director, Program Department
American Jewish Congress
15 East 84th Street
New York 28, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Levine:

We are pleased to send you the two requested reports on academic achievement in Atlanta and in Washington, D. C., and the excerpts from testimony by educators.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

Enclosed:
L-16, L-17

March 21, 1960

Miss Doris V. Wilson
Executive Director
The University YWCA
574 Holgard Avenue
Westwood Village
Los Angeles 24, California

Dear Doris:

It was a pleasant surprise to hear from you and especially so with a nice contribution. We do appreciate it.

Things are really popping here what with the lunch counter protests finally coming to a head. There hasn't been too much controversy so far.

I don't know whether you have heard but there has been several incidents of integration at the city auditorium. Things are really looking up.

I envy you in your winter setting with the blooming plants. We have had entirely too much ice and snow here in the sunny south.

You will, of course, be receiving all of our materials and I will try to drop you a line occasionally; and in turn, I would like to hear from you once in awhile.

Dr. Mitchell's address is: Glencoe, Argyll, SCOTLAND.

Again thanks and write again soon.

Sincerely,

JC/lec

John Constable

March 21, 1960

Mr. Frank Crowther
Associate Editor
Daily Tar Heel
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Crowther:

William Allred of the University sent me a copy of your recent open letter to Governor Luther Hodges. We appreciate the kind comments concerning the Council.

Enclosed is a copy of a Special Report we did on the sit down protests in which I thought you might be interested. Would you be interested in receiving our other releases and materials from time to time?

I would be interested in ~~[illegible]~~ exchanging our monthly publication NEW SOUTH for the [redacted] HEEL; and if you would so desire I could place your name on our records to receive all other materials.

Again thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec
Enclosure

March 21, 1960

Mrs. J. F. McLeod
1540 College Court
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mrs. McLeod:

This is to inform you that Mrs. Tilly is leaving for Montgomery, Friday, March 25, at 8:15 a.m. over Eastern air line, flight 589.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Luel E. Cummings
Secretary to Mrs. Tilly

/lec

March 21, 1960

Mr. Lindsay Matthews
University Hotel
Nedlands, W. Australia

Dear Mr. Matthews:

Thank you for your query concerning materials of the Southern Regional Council. Enclosed is a sample copy of our monthly magazine plus a descriptive folder. Our other publications will be listed in this magazine from time to time.

Also enclosed is a listing of our current materials. If we can be of additional aid, please let us know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec
Enclosure

March 21, 1960

Mr. David H. Scull
The Turnpike Press, Inc.
Old River Turnpike
Annandale, Virginia

Dear Mr. Scull:

Dan Bowers has asked that we tell you how many copies of Crisis in Norfolk to ship direct to here. I think our agreement with Dan was that we would get 500 copies, and this would be satisfactory. If, on the other hand, you would like for us to distribute more, I believe we could move with good effect another 200. However, I leave this up to you and Dan to decide in the light of your distribution plans.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

March 22, 1960

The Rev. Cornelius C. Tarplee
Associate Secretary for Intergroup Relations
P. O. Box 853
Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Neil:

I sent your address off to the printers today, and we should have the job done in two or three weeks. I made a few minor editorial alterations--the most extreme of which consisted only of the striking of two or three lines; all of these seemed to me pretty clear-cut necessities of style or syntax, and so I felt emboldened to send it off without getting your prior approval. Now I can only trust that you will agree when you see it.

A first reading of your revised manuscript was sandwiched into the sparse free moments in a terribly crowded day, and I must have been in a pretty heavy fog. All of the good stuff of the original is of course, as you said, still there even better presented.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

March 22, 1960

Miss Rosella Hill
331 College Street
Asheville, North Carolina

Dear Rosella:

Thank you for bringing me up to date on recent developments concerning the Burnsville situation. I was particularly glad to note in the clipping that the group is apparently standing firm and will not accept the 'too little too late' bone that is being tossed to them by the state board of education.

I will be visiting Charlotte, North Carolina some time in the near future and perhaps I can get over to Asheville. Let me know if there is anything I should be doing about Burnsville et al.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

March 22, 1960

The Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation
R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company Building
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Sirs:

We shall be most grateful to the Foundation for its consideration of the enclosed request for assistance to the work of the Southern Regional Council.

If further information of any kind would be helpful, please call on us for it.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Enclosures

March 22, 1960

Mr. Frank L. Stanley, Sr., Publisher
The Louisville Defender
P. O. Box 1558
Louisville 1, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Stanley:

In reply to your letter of March 21 I am enclosing some statistics on Negro voting in Kentucky, as well as a copy of our pamphlet, The Negro Voter in the South. Unfortunately, the figures are for 1956, but they are the latest we have. They were gathered for us as part of a study of Negro voting in Kentucky, done for us by Louis Kesselman, in connection with a 1956 survey which eventuated in the publication of the enclosed pamphlet. Kesselman's research for us was also the basis of his later article on the Negro voter in Louisville, published in the Summer of 1957 in the Journal of Negro Education. Kesselman's whole report to us is rather too lengthy to reproduce unless it would be of signal use to you -- in which case we should be glad to do it. Perhaps, however, he has left a copy behind him at Louisville.

I am sorry we cannot give you more current data, nor are able to furnish comparisons with Maryland or Missouri. I hope, however, that what we are sending will be of some use to you and C. H.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Enclosures:
The Negro Voter in the South
Thermafax, voting statistics

March 22, 1960

Governor LeRoy Collins
State Capital Building
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Governor Collins:

We would like very much to receive a copy of your speech discussing the lunch counter demonstrations.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

March 22, 1960

Mr. Harry J. Carman, Consultant
John Hay Whitney Foundation
630 Fifth Avenue
New York 20, New York

Dear Mr. Carman:

I regret that we didn't get together the day I was in New York. I hope the virus that struck you did not put you out of commission long.

I would like so much to have talked to you personally about the work we are doing through the Fellowship of the Concerned, and as the days go by its work is becoming more and more necessary.

I will be in Alabama this week to meet with a group of women who live in a most difficult situation, yet they bravely carry on. That is the spirit of these women who meet yearly in a Southwide meeting and in their state meetings later on. Their persistence and courage and clear thinking have borne fruit in the past; and in the difficult days now with the tension on the school situation and the restaurant sit down protests, this same courage of our Southern women will make for peace and sanity.

Some day when the story can be written it will be a great chapter in the history of the South. Without the help of the John Hay Whitney Foundation we could not have done the work in the past and we do need it again this year.

With sincere thanks to the John Hay Whitney Foundation and to you for your interest in the work of the Fellowship of the Concerned, I am

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET/lec

Director of Women's Work

March 22, 1960

Mr. Paul L. Puryear
2536 Virginia Beach Blvd.
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mr. Puryear:

We are pleased to send you, under separate cover, the requested copy of If the Schools Are Closed. Since our policy is that one copy is given without charge on request, we are returning your check. Additional copies would be .25 each.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

March 22, 1960

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Top Knot
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

This is a choice exchange; once more, I'm glad you and I are on the same side.

Wish I could have been a third at the Routh-Wright reunion in Detroit. What an opportunity for toasts!

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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P. S. -- Delighted that Vernon Eagle came through for the Penn "hard core" conference.

March 22, 1960

Mr. Will Campbell
Associate Executive Director
National Council of Churches
P. O. Box 1083
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Will:

There has been some interest in the student appeal by the Atlanta Negro college students. We have found we can get them for two cents a piece if we have a minimum of 5,000 printed. We are hoping that some of the other organizations might be interested in subscribing to a portion of the 5,000 at two cents a piece. The Council is willing to purchase a thousand.

Would you be interested in subscribing to any for your purposes?

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

March 22, 1960

Mr. Joseph L. Rauh, Jr.
1631 K Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rauh:

It is impossible for me to sign anything of a political nature. I wonder if you know that a Georgian cannot vote for president. The delegates to the national convention are going uninstructed. It is entirely in their hands. We will have no ballot in this state with any presidential candidates name on it.

I wish you all the luck. Yes I agree with you that Senator Humphrey is all you say he is in the open letter you sent me.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

March 22, 1960

Mr. Wilton Hartzler
Southeastern Regional Office
American Friends Service Committee
P. O. Box 1307
High Point, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Hartzler:

There has been some interest shown in reprinting of the appeal by Negro college students, a copy of which is enclosed.

We find that if a minimum of 5,000 is printed we can get them for two cents a copy. The Council is endeavoring to find out how many persons or organizations are interested in subscribing to some reprints at this price.

Would the American Friends Service Committee be interested? If so, please let me know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

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Enclosure

Mailed separately:

10 copies of If the Schools are Closed.

March 22, 1960

Mrs. Joe R. Brewer, Chairman
Women's Emergency Committee for
Public Schools
P. O. Box 3244
Forest Heights Station
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Brewer:

We are happy to send you, separately, the requested copies of If the Schools are Closed. There is no charge.

You also have our full consent to reproduce our Report "L" 11. It is we who are indebted to you for letting us condense the excellent full report.

With good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 22, 1960

Reverend Dow Kirkpatrick
St. Mark Methodist Church
Peachtree at Fifth Street, N.E.
Atlanta 8, Georgia

Dear Dow:

Many thanks for the copy of the full statement. The comment on the students' pronouncement was particularly good and needed.

With appreciation and regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Encls: 2 copies each; "L" Reports #16, #17.

Added to New South List and All-Purpose List

March 22, 1960

Mr. Howard D. Roberts
Community Services Specialist
The Chicago Urban League
2410 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago 16, Illinois

Dear Howard:

I'm glad to send you, with our compliments, copies of the two reports you requested.

You should be getting our materials, and I'll see that you do henceforth. The only charge is $2.00 annual subscription fee for New South.

I hope to see you again one of these days. Meanwhile, all good wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

March 22, 1960

Mr. Frank McCallister, Director
Labor Education Division
Roosevelt University
430 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago 5, Illinois

Dear Frank:

Just back in the office after a week away, I was glad to find your letter.

The demand for our report on the "sit-ins" has steadily outrun the supply, which we take as a good sign.

Don't you ever visit Atlanta? If so, don't fail to let me know.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 22, 1960

Mrs. W. M. Caskey
107 New Prospect Street
Clinton, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Caskey:

We are mailing you the requested pamphlet, Three Views of the Segregation Decision. There is nocharge.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

March 22, 1960

Mr. Emanuel Muravchik
National Field Director
Jewish Labor Committee
25 East 78th Street
New York 21, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Muravchik:

We are unable to send you the requested fifteen copies of "The Student Protest Movement, Winter 1960," as our supply is exhausted. On March 8 we re-issued the special report, adding a post-script which brought it up to date. We are sending you a copy of this revised report, plus a copy of the post-script to add to the copy you now have. We are in process of a further revision, and expect to have it ready for distribution by April 1st. (The situation has changed, as you no doubt know.) At that time we will be pleased to send you the fifteen copies.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

March 22, 1960

The Rev. William K. Williams
Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
4241 S. W. 109 Court
Miami, Florida

Dear Bill:

It was good to get your recent communication. Your reports continue to indicate a hearteningly better picture, particularly on the financial side. It is very impressive that you have been able to continue an on-going program, handle routine mailing and keep finances in the black. I may be checking with you by telephone in a day or two because of our natural curiosity here concerning the role that some of the state groups are playing in the sit-downs. You have had quite a rash of them in Florida from what I see in the press.

It goes without saying that if I can be of any help with some of these program plans you will let me know. We seem to be near the end of our special trouble shooting activities and I hope I can be of service in the future in my more normal role of program consultant and liaison.

I was glad to see your 1960 budget which we had not received here. It would seem to be within your proven fund-raising means. The only item I would question would be the $1,000 for part-time secretarial help. I would think it highly questionable that you would be able to keep up with all your membership renewal notices, newsletters, etc. with minimal part-time secretarial help as indicated. As you know, most of our state groups have been able to arrange for a full-time secretary within a total budget of approximately this size.

I am sorry that you feel unable to make any substantial payments to Jane at this point, although I must agree, with the tax situation still in doubt.

We will be shortly sending another official communique to you and the two Lewis' setting forth the official procedure for completely removing the conditional status of the Florida Council. I trust this would give no particular difficulty and it will include nothing new.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

March 22, 1960

Via Air Mail

Dr. James O. Bond
Box 1705
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Dr. Bond:

I am very sorry that I was unable to talk with you during your recent visit to our offices here. I feel very strongly that local interracial groups can play a very constructive role during the current sit-down crisis, and I would have enjoyed the opportunity of exchanging ideas with you on this point.

I believe that state and local interracial groups that have been involved in this situation have generally played one or more of three roles. They have given open support to the student protest group, or at least have expressed sympathy with the aims of the protest. In some situations it seems to be a significant morale factor that at least one group with white members expressed support. Second, they attempt to interpret and explain the nature and aims of the protest to the white community. This role of analysis and interpretation can often be more effectively performed by an interracial group not involved in the protest. This is the kind of thing we have tried to do in our report on the sit-down movement. Third, they have in several cases been able to perform a mediation function. In Raleigh, and in Nashville, local councils on human relations were involved in the successful effort to have the Mayor appoint an official biracial committee to attempt to negotiate the issues. In other cases, local groups are trying to bring key business men into negotiation with protest leaders.

I hope you will let me know if we can be of further service and that you will pass on any ideas growing out of your own experience in Jacksonville.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm
Enclosures

March 22, 1960

Dr. Taliaferro Thompson
1221 Rennie Avenue
Richmond 27, Virginia

Dear Dr. Thompson:

I appreciated the opportunity recently of sitting in on a meeting of the board of the Richmond Council. I felt a much greater sense of vigor and activity than was evident a year ago. I think the group has profited considerably from your leadership and experience.

I will be looking forward to hearing from Dan concerning the outcome of the plans that were formulated at the meeting.

I hope we can have a more prolonged conference during one of my future visits to Richmond.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

March 22, 1960

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
Room 605, 1400 Main Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I am enclosing a Nashville publication which carries a pretty thorough report of the Jim Lawson situation. Will Campbell assures me that this is accurate information.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm
Enc.

March 23, 1960

Mr. P. C. Baker, B. Sc.
The Training College
Lockway Road
Portsmouth, England

Dear Mr. Baker:

We are mailing you today some materials which may be helpful to the 22 students studying racial tension, and making a report. I have tried to send "condensed" reports, in view of the time element and also the plan to present them by diagrams.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

Student Protest Movement
SRC statement
Press release on voting survey
New South, Waiting Room Survey
Migration and Desegregation
The Citizens Responsibility
The Intimate State of Man
Moderation is Key

March 23, 1960

Mr. Harold J. Gerberg
Burrelle's Press Clipping Bureau
165 Church Street
New York 7, New York

Dear Mr. Gerberg:

Enclosed is a clipping which does not concern the Southern Regional Council. Please credit it to account number 9649.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Enclosure

March 23, 1960

The Rev. J. Metz Rollins, Jr.
Department of Social Education & Action
Board of Christian Education
P. O. Box 1083
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Rollins:

In the March 1960 issue of The Crisis we noted that the editors of Social Progress devoted their February issue to a symposium on racial intermarriage. We would like very much to receive a copy of this issue, and will appreciate it very much if you will send us one.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Ressearch

March 23, 1960

The Free Press
Glencoe
Illinois

Dear Sirs:

Will you please send us one copy of The Negro Professional Class, by G. Franklin Edwards and bill us.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

March 23, 1960

University of North Carolina Press
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Sirs:

We wish to place an advance order for William H. Nicholls' Southern Tradition and Regional Progress, to be released by you on April 30th. Please send as soon as avilable, and bill us.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

March 23, 1960

Mrs. Marjorie F. Driscoll
Bureau of Governmental Research
822 Perdido Street
New Orleans 12, La.

Dear Mrs. Driscoll:

We are pleased to send you today, under separate cover, the requested copy of If the Schools Are Closed.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

March 23, 1960

Mr. Joseph Haas
1116 First National Bank Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Haas:

The enclosed arrived today from the Internal Revenue Service.

Harold is away from the office for the remainder of the week, but I thought you would want to see this immediately.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure

March 23, 1960

Mr. L. K. Northwood
Study Director
School of Social Work
University of Washington
Seattle 5, Washington

Dear Mr. Northwood:

I have held your questionnaire longer than you wished, hoping that I could find time to do a conscientious job on Part I. I think I should not keep it any longer. We have been terribly crowded here recently and there seems to be no prospect it getting better. Actually, however, I know little about the urban redevelopment program and problems in Atlanta and could not be an authoratative source anyhow. Some of the questions in Part I which are purely factual, or are matters of record, could I think be appropriately referred by you to the Metropolitan Planning Commission, whose address is Glenn Building, Atlanta 3, Georgia. I have tried to do a little better on Part II.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Enclosure:
Questionnaire

March 23, 1960

Miss Dorothy Salmon, Law Librarian
College of Law
University of Kentucky
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Miss Salmon:

We are pleased to send you the requested copy of our special report on the student protest movement, and have added to it the postscript issued on March 8.

Your name is being placed on our mailing list to receive subsequent publications of the research department.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative secretary
Research

March 23, 1960

Via Air Mail

Mr. Ben Muse
P. O. Box 312
Manassas, Virginia

Dear ~~Mr~~: BEN

Things have been getting rather hot in your old town of Petersburg lately. A group of Negro students and adults headed by Wyatt Walker invaded the library and got themselves arrested. There followed the inevitable mass meeting and the setting up of new organization, with the announcement of an all-out drive to eliminate segregation in all phases of life. The library case is being appealed.

Feeling is running fairly high on both sides and there is virtually no communication. We have never been able to get a single white person from Petersburg to participate in the Richmond-Petersburg Council on Human Relations, although we have strong Negro leadership there. It occurred to me that with your contacts there you might want to consider some discussions with white persons concerning some possible negotiation or discussion, appointment of a biracial committee or something. The Negro group seems to be very determined and very militant.

If you do go to Petersburg on such a mission, you might want to check with Dan Bowers who has a couple of contacts with white ministers who are moderate by Southside standards.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

March 23, 1960

Mr. Harry Jones
Executive Director
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 E. Third Street, Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

Following your suggestion I will plan to come on Friday, ~~April~~ 29 and stay over for the meeting on the 30th if this will be convenient for you.

I did not have this Saturday occupied and would not know what to do with a completely free Saturday, anyway.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

date changed
to March by phone,

March 23, 1960

Mr. Nat Griswold
Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 W. Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

We got a copy of Mr. Dabbs' Brotherhood Sunday speech and have gone over it carefully. We are not prepared to reprint it but we would be happy to buy 2,000 copies which might make it possible for the Arkansas Council to manage the deal. If you do reprint the speech, I trust it will be prominently noted that Mr. Dabbs is president of SRC.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

P. S. I will be arriving Sunday night at 8:51 p.m., via Trans-Texas flight 124. I plan to go directly to the Sam Peck, at which I trust you have made me a reservation.

March 24, 1960

Mrs. Francis Pickens Miller
Box 3665
University Station
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Miller:

Attached are some figures. Now let me qualify them.

I believe they are reasonably accurate, though this is of course our first compilation. You will notice that I am not yet able to give the number of subsidiaries and plants in the South of non-Southern firms. To arrive at them would not take long, however, and if you want them let me know.

The only inaccuracies I know of definitely are the numbers of Southern directors. We have approximately 100 names whose residences we have not yet been able to establish; undoubtedly some of these are Southerners, and will add a few to the totals in items 3 and 4; they will not affect the number in item 1 which is fully checked out. I would suggest, with reasonable confidence, that you say "approximately 150 Southerners" are directors of non-Southern corporations with plants in the South; and "approximately 245 Southerners" are directors of Southern corporations.

In another, more basic way the South gets short-changed in this presentation, and this you may wish to point out. In classifying on the basis of headquarters locations, a few strange results occur: Coca Cola, e. g., becomes a northern corporation. Of the principal tobacco companies, only R. J. Reynolds has its main office in the South.

We are in a position to do, rather quickly if you would need it, a similar analysis of the fifty largest insurance companies, banks, utilities, transportation companies, and merchandising firms.

The "South" means, in these tabulations, the eleven states of the old Confederacy. All data is based on Moody's Industrial, 1959.

Best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

CC: Robert Thompson
Ben Muse

1. Of the 500 largest industrial corporations (source: Fortune, August, 1959), 32 have their headquarters in the South, 468 outside the South.

2. Of the non-Southern corporations, 121 had no plants or other properties in the South. They had 1,311 Directors, of whom 7 or .05% reside in the South. They had sales of $20,801,000,000, assets of $15,552,000,000, net profits of $1,666,000,000.

3. The remaining 347 non-Southern corporations had:

   _____ subsidiaries in the South;

   _____ plants or other properties in the South;

   4,394 Directors of whom 145 or 3% reside in the South;

   sales of $150,109,000,000, assets of $133,500,000,000, net profits of $7,581,000,000.

4. The 32 Southern corporations had:

   66 subsidiaries in the South;

   284 subsidiaries in the non-South;

   609 plants or other properties in the South;

   196 plant or other properties in the non-South;

   396 Directors, of whom 234 or 59% reside in the South;

   sales of $5,922,000,000, assets of $5,329,000,000, net profits of $334,000,000.

5. Southern directors reside in:

	Directors of Southern corps.	Directors of Non-Southern corps.	Directors of dorporations without Southern plants
Alabama	12	16	-
Arkansas	0	2	-
Florida	5	26	3
Georgia	27	25	-
Louisiana	7	5	1
Mississippi	1	0	-
North Carolina	57	14	1

South Carolina	1	12	-
Tennessee	12	9	-
Texas	70	21	2
Virginia	42	15	-
	234	145	7

Sent to Mrs. Vandervoot:
Feb. New South
The Changing South
Student Protest Movement Report
Set of "L" Reports - 1 through 17
Greene-Gauerke Pamphlet

March 24, 1960

Mr. Charles A. Shaw
P. O. Box 2097
Houston 1, Texas

Dear Mr. Shaw:

Since Mr. Fleming is away from the office, I am acknowledging your letter of March 21.

We are pleased to place Mrs. Vandervoot on our mailing lists - including New South. I am today sending her a packet of our current materials which I hope she will find useful as well as interesting.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mildred Flowers
Secretary to the Director

MMF/

cc: Mrs. A. S. Vandervoot

March 24, 1960

Mr. Philip A. Camponeschi
Executive Secretary
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
City of Baltimore
People's Court Building
Fayette and Gay Streets
Baltimore 2, Maryland

Dear Mr. Camponeschi:

I am acknowledging your letter of March 18 to Mr. Fleming since he is away from the office.

We are pleased that you found our special report on the student protest movement of interest. As you may know, it has received excellent press coverage.

As you requested, I am enclosing a copy of the Atlanta students' "Appeal for Human Rights." We are working on plans to reprint this piece; if this materializes, we will be happy to send you additional copies if you wish them.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mildred M. Flowers
Secretary to the Director

MMF
Enclosure - 1.

MEMORANDUM March 24, 1960

TO: Gordon Lewis, Hal Lewis,
Bill Williams

From: Paul Rilling

1. During the height of the recent financial crisis of the Florida Council, you will remember that the executive committee of SRC on October 5 approved a $3,900 assistance grant to the Florida Council for the year 1960, but made the grant conditional on a change in the situation of the Florida Council on Human Relations.

2. On January 26, The SRC executive committee received a report that the financial deficit of the FCHR had been substantially reduced. The committee therefore authorized the release of the first quarterly assistance payment to the Florida Council, but the FCHR was continued on a conditional basis pending a fuller financial report to SRC. The committee also felt that the conditional status should remain in force until "sufficient steps were taken" to insure the FCHR against a repetition of the recent difficulty. SRC staff was requested to work with the FCHR concerning the implementation of such steps.

3. You were informed of the position of the executive committee in a memorandum dated February 15, which indicated our thinking concerning the "adequate steps" desired by the executive committee. Following the executive committee meeting, the field director of SRC met in individual conferences with the new president and chairman of the executive committee of the FCHR during the last week of February. The suggestions of SRC concerning future financial and organizational planning were discussed and some informal agreements were reached.

4. In light of the forgoing developments and in view of the normal April 1 date for the second quarterly payment to the FCHR, the current position of SRC concerning the conditional status of the Florida Council is as follows.

Additional grants-in-aid from SRC will be held up until the following specific conditions have been fulfilled to the mutual satisfaction of SRC and the FCHR.

a. SRC shall receive from the FCHR a full and complete accounting of the financial status of the FCHR.

b. The FCHR shall adopt an adequate system of financial supervision of staff and office operation. It is not normal procedure for the director to carry the full burden of handling organization funds and accounts.

c. The adoption of a fund-raising plan to meet the budgetary responsibilities of the Florida Council.

5. It is also our feeling that a clarification of the position of the FCHR in Dade County is a basic condition for future stability and expansion of the organization. In view of the pending request for the appointment of a public committee in Dade County, we feel it would not be reasonable to make this a condition for the release of the second quarter's funds to the FCHR.

6. I also feel as a result of my admittedly brief contacts with FCHR leadership that we need to talk together about the means of establishing closer liaison between staff and board and of tying local groups more directly to the state organization and the state office. I would also hope that the Florida Council would consider the reopening of a regular office when financial considerations permit. These, however, are general program concerns, only indirectly related to the financial status of the organization.

7. Normally, this memorandum, because of its official nature, would be signed by our director, Harold Fleming. However, Harold is out of town this week and I felt this should get to you as quickly as possible because of the short time before the normal due date of your second quarterly payment. These matters were discussed at length by Harold and other staff here and they reflect a collective staff position.

8. If I can be of any assistance in interpreting this position or helping in your further planning in these directions, please call on me.

March 25, 1960

The Order Department
Alfred A. Knopf, Inc.
501 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Gentlemen:

Please consider this our purchase order for fifty (50) copies of THE SOUTHERN HERITAGE by James M. Dabbs, and bill us accordingly.

We assume this will reflect the usual 40% trade discount.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

March 25, 1960

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Penn Community Services, Inc.
St. Helena's Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

Miss Rosetta Gardner of the YWCA has called me, indicating that she will attend the AFSC conference at Penn and the first day of the Interagency meeting. I have agreed to inform you and Jean Fairfax.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf
cc: Miss Jean Fairfax

March 25, 1960

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Penn Community Services, Inc.
St. Helena's Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

I am receiving almost no responses to the interagency memorandum - which is the usual pattern. Hope and gather you are doing somewhat better. It does seem, however, that the great majority of the Atlanta group will be present. I also gather that Jean Fairfax is cranking up quite an agenda and -- apart from being away from Atlanta for the first time -- it looks as if the old "SIC'ers" may not be able to recognize the affair.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend. After long debate, it was determined that HCF would add more as a participant to the meeting than I, who planned to come as a "front poarch" observer.

Please ask Elibabeth to keep the mint patch in good shape. She and I have a conference scheduled - which I hope will be held in the not-too-distant future - and that mint patch is even more important than an agenda.

If we can be of help from here, let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

March 25, 1960

Mr. J. William Hough
515 Kenmore Drive
Fairfax, Virginia

Dear Mr. Hough:

Thank you for your card concerning information about the Council. Enclosed is a brief history of the Council. I am sorry but we do not have a more detailed account. A thesis concerning the Council and its work since 1950 is now in preparation, but we do not know when it will be completed.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Enclosure

March 25, 1960

Mr. Dwight M. Chalmers
Book Editor
John Knox Press
8 North Sixth Street
Richmond 9, Virginia

Dear Mr. Chalmers:

Thank you for your letter and your comments about NEW SOUTH. I was unaware that we had a copy of the book "The Idea of Equality," but we have placed it on the list for a future highlight treatment.

If we can be of any additional help in calling this book to the attention of the public, please let us know.

Again thanks and very best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC;lec

March 28, 1960

Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky
2017 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.
Washington 8, D. C.

Dear Mr. Yarmolinsky:

In your letter of February 24, you asked that copies of your San Juan speech be sent to you when it was reproduced. Under separate cover I am sending a dozen copies. If more copies are wanted, let us know.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mildred Flowers
Secretary to the Director

MF

COPY

VIA AIR MAIL March 28, 1960

Mr. & Mrs. George Wolfe
7901 Carroll Avenue
Takoma Park 12, Maryland

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Wolfe:

Mr. Fleming has asked that I let you know he is having to cancel his Washington trip because of a sudden attack of "Flu."

He expects to be in Washington for another meeting within the next month, which he will be writing you about when he returns to the office.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mildred Flowers
Secretary to the Director

MF

COPY

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VIA AIR MAIL

March 28, 1960

Mr. & Mrs. Bem Price
3916 Mackall Avenue
McLean, Virginia

Dear Margaret and Bem:

Harold has asked that I let you know that he is having to cancel his Washington trip because of a sudden attack of "Flu."

He expects to be in Washington for another meeting within the next month which he will be writing you about when he returns to the office.

Sincerely,

Mildred Flowers
Secretary to the Director

MF

March 28, 1960

Air Mail Special Delivery

Miss Sue Slaughter
Mrs. W. T. Mason
522 Mowbray Arch
Norfolk 7, Virginia

Dear Miss Slaughter and Mrs. Mason:

It was good to hear from you both recently concerning the possibility of the appointment of an interracial committee in Norfolk. I was asked to respond to both your inquiries on this matter and of course I am always glad to find an excuse to write to old friends in Virginia.

I do hope that the move for a Norfolk committee will be successful. Actually, we have very little information concerning the existence of such committees in the South. I believe that the reason for this is that there are very few such committees operating in the South.

There are a large number of such groups operating at the state and local level North of the Mason-Dixon line. Virtually every city of any size in the North has such a group, many of them with paid professional staff. We can send you addresses of a number of such groups if you feel that information on such groups would be helpful in Norfolk.

So far as Southern groups are concerned, such as they are, they are of two types. Standing groups which have been in existence for some time to consider any matters that may arise in the area of race relations and second, special committees that have been appointed in the last few weeks to negotiate and consider the issues raised by the current wave of sit-down demonstrations. I gather that the Women's Council would prefer the appointment of a permanent committee.

From the standpoint of the existence of permanent interracial committees in the South of an official nature, they have state groups of this nature is Maryland and in Missouri, which is, unfortunately, not very far South. A new city commission has recently been established in Washington, D. C. and such city commissions have been in operation for some time in Louisville, Kentucky and in Baltimore, Maryland in the border area.

When you move further South with your examination, examples are few and far between. There has been an interracial committee in Durham, North Carolina for several years, with some official standing. There is an advisory committee to the Governor of Florida which has been in existence for more than a year. There have been other abortive committees from time to time, but if there are others in existence at the moment, we have no record of them. I suspect there are one or two others. In the Miami area, the Dade County Council on Human Relations is a semi-official group with board members personally appointed by members of the County Commission and one or two other local governing bodies.

There has been, however, a virtual spate of groups appointed during the current sit-down crisis. Special committees have been appointed in Raleigh and in Greensboro, North Carolina, and in Nashville, Tennessee. Plans for the appointment of such a committee have been announced by the Mayor of Savannah, Georgia and Governor Collins has announced that he plans to appoint another state committee on this matter.

This is all we have at the moment. If additional information comes to us, I will send it on to you. I hope this will be of some help.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

March 28, 1960

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Mr. George McMillan is working on an assignment from the Southern Regional Council and your cooperation with him is requested.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

March 28, 1960

Miss Maria Cawthon
U. S. Department of Commerce
AT-7
Volunteer Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Cawthon:

Please send us your Current Population Reports, Series P, 25, 20, 23, 27. It is our understand that these will cost $2.50, and our check is enclosed. We are also including the 50¢ due you for another report.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

Enclosure: check, $3.00

March 28, 1960

Mrs. Michael Luskin
First Unitarian Church
Halstead Road & Whitby Drive
Wilmington 3, Delaware

Dear Mrs. Luskin:

We do not have any more copies of our special report on the student protest, but we are revising it for a re-run the last of this week. We can get the requested 25 copies in the mail to you by Monday, April 4, which should be in time for your April 10 meeting. There is no charge for this report.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

March 28, 1960

Mrs. J. Ward Rees
Millersburg, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Rees:

I think you know that Mrs. Hummel has asked me to teach again in the interracial school Ky. The course I have is on alcohol. As you know this is a difficult job in any state and especially in Kentucky. So I am asking you to give me some help. Please gather together for me the state laws on alcohol, the manufacture and sale.

One other thing, please give me the dates as the brochure she sent me some way disappeared from my desk. I was at the hospital so much during the recent illness of my husband. Unfortunately, the Orkin man had to come and sprayed the house and my desk and most of the material on the desk disappeared.

I am looking forward again to being with you this summer.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

P.S. We are mailing you, under separate cover, a copy of the findings of the Workshop of the National Organization of Women (N.O.W.)

March 28, 1960

Mrs. J. F. McLeod
1540 College Court
Montgomery, Alabama

My Dear:

I thoroughly enjoyed my day, at least the part of the day, I spent in Montgomery. The group always give me a new lift and lease on life.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith took me to the Country Club for dinner and the other guest was Mrs. Thompson, who was my classmate at Wesleyan. So you can imagine what a nice time we had. To make up for the time lost in Birmingham, a young girl from my church happened to be meeting her beau at the Atlanta Airport and picked me up. So I did not have the long wait before reaching home.

I would appreciate it if you would give me the names of those who were at the luncheon and the addresses of the ones I had never met before. One other thing, I want to know the name of the Smith's daughter and the dormitory she is in at Emory. Mrs. Smith gave me this information but some way I did not write it down. I would like so much to do something for this young girl. Please don't let Mrs. Smith know that I was so negligent as not to record her name and address.

Under separate cover we are mailing you the findings of N.O.W.

Love and best wishes always.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET:lec

Director of Women's Work

March 28, 1960

Mrs. Candler Tatum
1801 - 6th Avenue, N
Room 302
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Noreen:

Our day in Montgomery was most profitable to me, when I got there. My plane was delayed 2½ hours in Birmingham.

I hope it will be possible for a meeting in Birmingham. Can you find a place to hold it? My April dates already taken are the 6, 12, 21, 22, 24 thru 29.

Let me hear from you as soon as you can.

Best wishes always.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

March 28, 1960

Mrs. David D. Baker, Editor
THE CHURCH WOMAN
475 Riverside Drive
New York 27, New York

Dear Helen Baker:

Thank you very much for the early copy of The Church Woman. I am so glad to get an extra copy that deals with our 1960 elections.

I was real surprised to see the picture on page 17. The photographer assured me when he took the picture that it would not look like me, but would be beautiful. He didn't play square with me by not keeping his word. I had read the whole article about the N.O.W. Conference without seeing the picture at all until I happened to turn through it again and saw the result of what the photographer had done.

Thanks a lot.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

March 28, 1960

Via Air Mail

The Rev. William K. Williams
Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
4241 S. W. 109 Court
Miami, Florida

Dear Bill:

Ruth Alexander advises me that there is a gap of several months in time between New South subscriptions on the list you brought to the state staff meeting. No one in Florida is currently being billed by us for New South renewals. Ruth is concerned, however, lest some persons may have renewed through the Florida Council for the months for which she has no records. In other words, be sure that we have the full list of those persons who are entitled to subscription renewals and we will get them out immediately and clarify the finances later.

Concerning your suggestion of a direct payment from SRC to Jane, if it still looks as though your grant will be held up a while, we will examine this possibility. This would still have to wait for official interpretation on this latest note from the Internal Revenue Service. We believe as of now that a payment by us to Jane, fulfilling a legal obligation of the Florida Council might still be technically construed as assistance to the Florida Council. We will just have to see about this.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

March 28, 1960

Via Air Mail

Mr. David Scull
Turnpike Press
Annandale, Virginia

Dear Dave:

We would like you to do a little checking in Washington for us if you find the opportunity.

Two people calling themselves authors showed up at a conference at Frogmore, South Carolina under the sponsorship of the South Carolina Council on Human Relations. They may be quite all right but are reported to have acted in a somewhat questionable manner. They may well appear in other states and we are anxious to be in a position to advise our state directors concerning possible requests for cooperation.

They are Trudi and Clay Marks. They give their connection as the Mutual Benefit Practice Center at 1129 8th Street, N.W., Washington 1, D.C.

Let me know if you know of them or anything you can find out.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

March 29, 1960

Mr. Harry Fleischman
Institute of Human Relations
National Labor Service
165 East 56 Street
New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Harry:

Harold returned from New York and promptly went to bed with the flu. He asked me to drop you a note regarding Nicholls' *Southern Traditions and Regional Progress*. Publication date is April 30 although review copies are already out. The book is 202 pages, priced at $5.00, published by the University of North Carolina Press. Some months ago Nicholls gave me to read a 100 page first draft, and I thought it was quite good; perhaps a book of first importance.

A copy of Vandiver's statement on "An Appeal For Human Rights" is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Enclosure: thermafax copy
Vandiver's statement

March 29, 1960

Via Air Mail

Dr. Rufus Atwood
Kentucky Council on Human Relations
P. O. Box 338
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Atwood:

I will be traveling in your direction shortly and wondered if I might stop by and talk with you briefly. I am anxious to know how the Kentucky projects are going and to see if there is any way we can be of further help. Will you be on the campus and available either April 13 or 14th? If not, would April 27 or 28 be possible? I look forward to seeing you some time fairly soon.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

March 29, 1960

Via Air Mail

Miss Louise Young
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2001 Division Street
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Louise:

I appreciated your reports by telephone and mail, keeping us informed of developments in Nashville. I have recently been in Virginia and South Carolina and will be going to North Carolina this week on normal liaison duty and to get a better firsthand picture of current developments.

I know you are busy these days, but wonder if we could agree on a date in the near future when I could come to Nashville and spend a day in consultation with you, both about the welfare of the Tennessee Council and your interpretation of current developments. Would Wednesday or Thursday, April 13 or 14 be convenient? If not, perhaps some day during the previous week would be suitable. Let me know how your schedule stands.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

March 29, 1960

Dr. C. Vann Woodward
History Department
The Johns Hopkins University
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Dr. Woodward:

It is likely that you have seen the enclosed announcement of your series for the Associated Press. However, with the possibility that you have not, Harold Fleming thought it would be of interest to you.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure

March 29, 1960

The Honorable Chester Bowles
House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman Bowles:

You are very much needed in the South, for you, more than anyone else, can translate to us the effect of our discriminatory patterns on our worldwide missionary program, on our nation's foreign relations affairs - in fact, on the peace and security of the world.

For these reasons, we not only invite you, but urge you to meet with the state and Southwide women leaders in the field of social action - women of both races and the three faiths here in Atlanta during the month of November.

The Workshop is scheduled for two days, with an evening session on the first day which will be open to the public. We are very anxious to have you as our evening speaker.

The exact dates have not been set, since we would like to give you a choice. We feel, however, that the best possible time for the Workshop would be after the election; preferably during the week of November 14 or the 21st and 22nd.

These women of the South are wonderfully brave and courageous, and are appointed by the heads of their denominations, the YWCA and Labor. They are "The Fellowship of the Concerned--Southern Women Concerned About Their South," and their workshops are sponsored by the Southern Regional Council. I am attaching descriptive sheets which will give you further information about the group.

As I write this letter, I have a prayer in my heart that in some way you will find it possible to render this great service to us in our disturbed South.

Awaiting your reply and hoping it will be an affirmative answer, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/mf
Enclosures

Materials sent:

Changing South
Congressional Record Report
NEW SOUTH, July, Aug., Sept., Oct., Nov., Dec., 1959;
Jan, Feb. 1960
Race & Conscience
Background Report on School Desegreagtion
...With Justice For All
Public Opinion and Civil Rights
The Myths of Racial Integration

March 29, 1960

Mr. Roger Lee McNitt
444 North Stanford Way
Whittier, California

Dear Mr. McNitt:

We are mailing you, under separate cover, some material which might be of aid to you in your project.

If we can be of additional aid, please write.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

Materials sent:
Congressional Record Reprint
Changing South
January, 1960, NEW SOUTH

March 29, 1960

Miss Marjorie Garrett
Texas College
Phillips Hall
Tyler, Texas

Dear Miss Garrett:

We are mailing you, under separate cover, some informational material concerning the Southern Regional Council plus a sample copy of our monthly magazine, NEW SOUTH.

The Council does not have branches in Texas although some city human relations groups do work closely with the Council on occasions. I would suggest that you write to Mrs. James S. Crate, 8510 Ferris Street, Houston 35, Texas, for information concerning those councils.

If we can be of additional aid, please write.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

March 29, 1960

Mr. John W. Stanford
539 Wickes Street
San Antonio 3, Texas

Dear Mr. Stanford:

Thank you for your letter and your comments concerning NEW SOUTH. We are sorry, however, that you disagree with the reprinting of Mr. Secrest's speech in NEW SOUTH.

The Council does not agree with Mr. Secrest, point for point, but we believe he said many things in the speech that deserve a wider reading. Our accent on the "moderation" in Mr. Secrest's speech refers to his effort to convince the local South Carolina leadership that all out defiance of the Supreme Court is a stiff price to pay and his underlying suggestions of "moderation" to the South Carolina leadership. To quote from the article, "You hear often of the 'inevitability' of integration in the South's public schools. I disagree. The South can indeed avoid any form of integration if we are willing to pay the stiff price that will be required...."

We believe his plea to moderation is more to the white leadership than to the Negro, for example, he says: "Just as almost no one disputes any more the right of a Negro to register and vote, even in Democratic primaries, just so attitudes concerning employment are changing. And so they should, for what good does a fine education, in separate but equal schools, do, if all the graduate can do is teach, farm, or serve as a maid, gardener, or pullman porter? It is unrealistic to think that dual civilization can exist side by side in a century characterized by mass production, interdependent economies, and a revolution in technology and communication."

As evidence of our thesis that Mr. Secrest aimed at the all out resisting Southern white leadership, we have on hand an editorial from the Charleston News and Courier in which the speech and Mr. Secrest was attacked because of his moderate position.

The Council does not advocate token integration and believes, as you indicate, that this will only lead to "perpetuating the dilemma." For example, see a copy of the 1959 statement by the Southern Regional Council, enclosed, which reads: "When placement is not guided by professional concern and criteria, but is designed to perpetuate racial separation, its use will only prolong the South's unrest."

Again, our main purpose in presenting Mr. Secrest's piece was to show that one white leader in the resisting state of South Carolina seeks to have the state and its leaders tread a more "moderate" course. Perhaps, we did not make this clear.

Again, thanks for your comments; and best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

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Enclosure

March 29, 1960

Mr. Harry Fleischman
National Labor Service
Institute of Human Relations
165 East 56th Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Harry:

The first week's returns are disappointingly small. However, the orders and our check to cover the amount are enclosed.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures -3

COPY

VIA AIR MAIL March 30, 1960

Mr. Henry Lesesne
Box 1970
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Henry:

Returning to the office after a bout of 'flu, I'm very glad to find your recent letter. I have often wondered how things were going with you and what you were up to.

By all means look me up when you get to Atlanta. I haven't any hot ideas at the moment, but by that time perhaps I will have thought of some.

Meanwhile, let me suggest that you get in touch with Douglass Cater, Washington editor of The Reporter Magazine, 1107 National Press Building. Being from Montgomery, Doug serves more or less as The Reporter's Southern expert. He's a good friend of mine, and when he was through here the other day I mentioned to him your interest in free-lancing. The Reporter doesn't pay a great deal (several years ago, it was 10¢ a word), but it has a civilized interest in the South and race relations. Doug said they'd be glad to have you contribute and would seriously consider any story suggestions you might send in.

If I learn of other such markets that might be worth your while, I'll let you know. Until I see you, best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

March 30, 1960

Mr. Charles A. Wells
Editor and Publisher
The Wells Newsletter
152 Madison Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Wells:

You may address the Women's Emergency Committee to Open Our Schools, which is now known as the Women's Committee for Open Schools, at P. O. Box 122, Pulaski Heights Station, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

March 30, 1960

Mr. Tom Rose
Box 947
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Rose:

Enclosed are two informational pieces concerning the Southern Regional Council. If we can be of additional aid, please write.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

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Changing South
Congressional Record Reprint
NS Promotional piece

March 30, 1960

Mr. Harry B. Merican
5415 Connecticut Avenue
Washington 15, D. C.

Dear Mr. Merican:

Enclosed are the two pieces of material you requested. There is no charge.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

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Encls.

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N/S Promotional leaflet

COPY

VIA AIR MAIL March 30, 1960

Dr. F. D. Patterson
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Fred:

Enclosed is a film bibliography compiled by our research staff.

Of those dealing with the schools, the only general treatment of suitable length is the Murrow kinescope titled "Segregation in the Schools." If I remember this accurately, it is a good, brief, overall treatment. Most of the others are good, too, but deal with particular community experiences.

Under "Other" on page 3, I have starred George Mitchell's map speech (which you may well have seen, filmed or live), and the kinescope of the Civil Rights Commission's hearings on voting discrimination in Alabama. The latter is a powerful documentary, as you may know.

Since you have several weeks, you or one of your staff might have time to screen several of these and select the one that will best serve. If I can help further, call on me.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

COPY

March 31, 1960

Miss Jean Fairfax
American Friends Service Committee
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Jean:

Relative to your memorandum concerning Mrs. Spearman inviting Dr. Jenkins to the interagency meeting: there is no standard policy in this matter, and on occasion guests have been welcomed, though usually as observers rather than participants. While I serve as something of an administrator in these affairs, I am probably the last person who could or should make a decision in this matter.

I have discussed this with Paul Rilling during one of his infrequent periods in the office, and he is of the opinion that Dr. Jenkins should not be invited. His feeling probably is that the agenda will be crowded, as it is.

This is as far as I can take it, and I reluctantly toss it back to you. As chairman, your decision on the demands of the agenda will probably provide the logical area of decision. And, I feel quite certain that Mrs. Spearman will understand if you decide time will not allow.

Incidentally, I am taking a page from your book. While you labor away at the meeting, I shall be following the Fairfax trail through the Carribean.

Best,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

March 31, 1960

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1400 Main Street, Rm. 605
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

With sincere apologies for the time it has taken, I have finally gotten around to spending some time with the S. C. Council's requests to Field and Schwarptzhaupt.

Rather than attempting to offer any detailed criticism - of questionable value and from a very questionable authority - I would prefer sharing several impressions which seem to me to be basic.

(1) The requests are similar and essentially for the same purpose and I seriously question the wisdom of sending these to two foundations at once. There is always the chance that both would be approved and you would have quite an embarassing situation on your hands. Also, the world of foundations is rather small; boards overlap and foundation officials discuss requests. Chances for serious consideration from either might well be ruined if it came to light that the same request was made to two foundations at the same time.

(2) The requests, especially that to Field, might raise some doubts as to whether or not this was really a sly way of getting grants for the S. C. Council for its regular program. Any future requests, of this "project" nature might well make it very clear that such is not the case.

(3) Where other organisations are involved, such as the S. C., NAACP in this case, it might be well to have a letter of endorsement for the project from the involved

organisations. This would tend to greatly strengthen the requests and erase any doubt that "competing" forces were at work.

(4) Our Northern friends are far removed from the deep South and, even at the risk of too long a request, considerable attention should be given to the matter of interpretation of why, for instance, instead of a glamorous interracial project, communication among Negro groups is important.

(5) Such very worthwhile "projects" as you describe in the requests are very logical functions of the S. C. Council and in this and other ways the Council has a great deal to "sell." Therefore, I see no reason why requests, if a foundation seems responsive to any requests, should not be for general support or for a portion of the on-going program, albeit called a project. Your requests essentially are for the S. C. Coordinating Council although the checks would be made out to the Human Relations Council. It might be better that they be, in the minds of the donors, for the Human Relations Council and that donors get in the habit of giving to the right Council. Future grants for this and other programs might come easier in that way.

Finally, an offer of help. In the future, when it seems appropriate for you to prepare a request, perhaps you could outline your needs and thinking with Paul Rilling when he is visiting with you. Thereafter, we would be happy to work out a first draft for your consideration. I am sure Rilling would be happy to lend himself to this arrangement. It is doubtful that we can add any magic touch, but if you feel it would be of value, we are more than willing to try.

Best,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

March 31, 1960

Miss Lorraine Crotteau
3225 W. Wisconsin Avenue, #20
Milwaukee 8, Wisconsin

Dear Lorraine:

Soon I hope to write a worthwhile and newsy letter. In the meantime, real thanks for your thoughtfulness in sending the clipping.

Hope your bowling score is holding up better than mine.

Best to Phyllis.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

March 31, 1960

Mr. Jack H. Whittington, Administrator
Brewster Methodist Hospital
1640 Jefferson Street
Jacksonville 9, Florida

Dear Mr. Whittington:

In reference to your letter of February 26 to Mr. Dabbs concerning assistance to the Brewster Methodist Hospital, the following suggestions may be of some help.

(1) Dr. Albert W. Dent, President of Dillard University, New Orleans, and a member of our board, was for some years a distinguished hospital administrator and President of the National Conference of Hospital Administrators. It is possible that Dr. Dent could offer helpful suggestions in the difficult area of fund-raising.

(2) The American Foundation Information Service (527 Madison Avenue, New York 22) offers a Foundation Selection Service. Under this service they will, for a fee, determine the names and addresses of all foundations interested in contributing to your kind of need. On request, they will inform you before a commitment is made of the amount of the fee in your particular instance.

I trust these suggestions will be of some value to you in your work.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

April 1, 1960

Mr. Alex Morisey
Information Service
American Friends Service Committee
20 South 12 Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Alex:

It is kind and thoughtful of you to write us those good words about our reporting on the student protests. We have been pleased, if slightly stunned, by the extent to which our material on this subject has been sought and used.

Our research people -- Les Dunbar and his staff, who have done the heavy slogging -- will want me to express their thanks, too, for your letter.

I was sorry not to see you at the last mass media committee meeting, for I should have liked to compare notes with you on the significance of the "sit-ins." Ben Muse has been consulting for us in several of the North Carolina cities and feels rather hopeful about the prospects of an early break-through there.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/sm

April 1, 1960

Mr. Alexander F. Miller
Anti-Defamation League
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Alex:

You can't write too often, as far as I'm concerned. I would have replied sooner, but have been out of action with a case of Spring pip.

Your letter to the Herald Tribune was well done, and I share most of your sentiments. "Moderate" is an almost useless, and often harmfully applied, word. We felt, however, that Secrest had something important and valid to say. At least his use of the term "moderate" is sincere and has some real content, especially considering the extreme climate in which he functions.

You are right up to a point in saying that, as the lines sharpen, there is no viability to a "middle way." But there comes a turn when the middle way is once again meaningful. Consider Atlanta, where the "moderates" are fighting an aggressive battle -- bound to be ultimately successful -- to preserve the schools. So I would dissent from your dissent by saying that the question is one of timing, and that the people who call themselves "moderates" do have their moments in this tortured process we are going through down here.

I hope to be in Yew York again in late April. If so, I will try for a get-together with you.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/sm

April 1, 1960

Mr. Francis Shane
United Steelworkers of America
1500 Commonwealth Building
Pittsburgh 22, Pennsylvania

Dear Frank:

As always, our thanks and good wishes to you.

I was glad to see you at the Civil Liberties Clearing House, though sorry we had no opportunity to talk. Your question to Walsh was right on the button!

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/sm
Enclosure

April 1, 1960

Professor Donald R. Matthews
Department of Political Science
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Don:

For a man who is normally at his desk practically all the time, I seem to be having unusual troubles in connection with your visit when I want them least. It is probably just as well that you are not coming next week, considering Harold's jury duty and the added fact that Peggy is working as a census enumerator. For a lot of complicated reasons, April 28-29 now looks possible but very unappealing. May, on the other hand, is good, and I am most eager to pick a time when we won't be crowded by other things. May 12 and 13 is altogether clear; May 5 and 6 just as good for me, though Harold will not be here on the 6th. You decide and let me know which it will be.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

P.S. Bring Maggie.

April 1, 1960

Mr. David McDonald
United Steelworkers of America
1500 Commonwealth Building
Pittsburgh 22, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. McDonald:

This is to express the sincere thanks of the officers and staff of the Southern Regional Council for the United Steelworkers' annual contribution of $1,000, just received.

It is our hope that the work of the Council will always justify the steady friendship and support which you and the Steelworkers have given over the years.

With kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/sm

bc: Francis Shane
Paul Christopher
E. T. Kehrer

April 1, 1960

Mr. Marvin D. Wall
Acting Executive Director
Southern Education Reporting Service
P. O. Box 6156 Acklen Station
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Wall:

Thanks for your letter of March 15, which I am slow in answering because of illness.

We could still use up to 100 copies of Southern Schools: Progress and Problems if you have them to spare.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/sm

April 1, 1960

Dr. Raymond Wheeler
Doctors Building
1012 Kings Drive
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Ray:

Many thanks for your thoughtful suggestions on our proposal for a study of hospital and medical services. They are sound and helpful. I will let you know what comes of this project idea.

Vernon Eagle, who was just here, told me of the fine time he had with you and your wife. Vernon is both a personal friend of mine and a valuable benefactor of SRC's, so I'm grateful to you for making his visit to Charlotte so pleasant.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 1, 1960

Mr. Hodding Carter
The Delta Democrat-Times
Greenville, Mississippi

Dear Hodding:

I am glad to know that the anonymous broadside has had the reaction it deserves. It's hard to imagine that anyone whose opinion would matter to you could take that sort of smear seriously.

I just read a news story quoting at length from your editorial on the church property bill. Your usual good, hard-hitting job. I'd hate to have the assignment of intimidating you into silence!

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 1, 1960

Dr. J. L. Blair Buck
310 Hillwood Road
Richmond 26, Virginia

Dear Dr. Buck:

Thanks so much for your recent letter informing me of the recent development within the Virginia Committee.

You, Bill Lightsey, and your many co-workers have done a wonderful job, one that would have been impossible without the time and leadership which you gave so freely. It is comforting to know that the machinery of the Committee is on a stand-by basis, in case an acute need for it should arise again.

As to the booklets, we understand that situation perfectly. It is not necessary for you to ship the remaining copies back to us, unless you feel they should be preserved here.

Our very best wishes to you, now and always,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 1, 1960

Rev. Daisuke Kitagawa
Executive Secretary
World Council of Churches
Division of Studies
17, Route de Malagnou
Geneva, Switzerland

Dear Dai:

Thank you for your kind letter, and for the copy of your excellent report which you were good enough to send me some weeks ago.

Let me, in turn, extend warm good wishes for the success of your own efforts. You know that we will welcome further opportunities to work with you and render any service we can.

Cordially yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 1, 1960

Mr. Frank W. Spencer
P. O. Box 136
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Mr. Spencer:

We were greatly pleased to see the use you made of our recent publication in your good letter to the Savannah Morning News.

I recall your early identification with this movement and value your continuing efforts on behalf of human rights in the South.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 1, 1960

Mr. Edwin J. Lukas
The American Jewish Committee
Institute of Human Relations
165 East 56th Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Ed:

If I hadn't picked up a virus in your fair city, you would have heard from me well before now. As it is, I'm just back at the desk.

Benjamin Muse is to be here for a conference on Monday, and will proceed from here to Florida, where, as you know, Collins is promoting the formation of bi-racial committees to seek solutions to the lunch counter controversy. I hope that, out of our talk, we can come up with one or more specific steps that will test the good faith of the national chains. In any case, I will be writing Helfrich shortly and will, of course, send you a copy.

On another note of relevant interest. We have a report that the mayor's committee in High Point, N. C., has proposed that three variety stores integrate their lunch counters on a 60-day trial basis. The stores, two of which are Woolworth's, have reacted coolly to the suggestion and have so far declined to go along. I just talked to the Friends Service Committee, which has a regional office in High Point; they are to explore a meeting with Woolworth brass on this very concrete situation.

I'll keep you posted from this end. Meanwhile, my thanks again for your effective help.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 1, 1960

Mr. Lowell H. Goodhue
President
The Goodhue Companies
821 Quaker Street
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Mr. Goodhue:

I am sorry that illness has prevented my replying sooner to your letter of March 21.

The Norfolk case (James v. Almond) concerned schools closed by the governor, acting under state law, and thus the decision presumably applies only to situations in which the state denies public schooling to some children while providing it for others.

Prince Edward County closed its schools by action of the county commissioners, who voted not to appropriate the local funds necessary to secure state aid essential to operation of the public schools. The assumption underlying this action was that the decision, being local rather than state, affected all children in the jurisdiction similarly and raised no question of unequal protection of the laws.

Mr. Sibley's comments on local option indicate that he shares this assumption -- that no constitutional question is raised if a local jurisdiction, by its own choice, closes all of its public schools.

Some lawyers disagree with this assumption, holding that a closure by local decision does raise a constitutional question if it is motivated by an intent to evade a federal court order to desegregate. The NAACP is expected to seek a Supreme Court ruling on this question in the Prince Edward County situation, but no suit has yet been filed.

Therefore, it seems to me Mr. Sibley is justified in his assumptions about the workability of local option, as matters now stand. Further litigation may invalidate this assumption, but that is in the realm of speculation.

I should add to all of this that my interpretations are only those of a layman who has tried to follow legal developments in this field. But I hope these comments will be of some help to you.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 1, 1960

Mr. William E. Bippus
Manager of Hotel Sales
Williamsburg Restoration, Inc.
Williamsburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Bippus:

Thank you so much for your letter of March 31 in regard to facilities for convention groups provided by the three hotels in Colonial Williamsburg. I dislike troubling you again; however, I do not find the pamphlet, which was to have been enclosed, listing the size of the hotels and their facilities. We would like very much to have this information, and would appreciate your forwarding the pamphlet at your convenience.

We are grateful for the information you have detailed for us, and we will certainly make clear in the forthcoming directory that, although Williamsburg welcomes convention groups, during certain seasons priority must be extended to visitors to the historic attractions in your area.

Sincerely yours,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM:a

VIA AIR MAIL April 1, 1960

Mr. John R. May
Executive Director
The San Francisco Foundation
Balfour Building
351 California Street
San Francisco 4, California

Dear John:

Returning to the office from a bout of 'flu, I was delighted to find your letter promising another visit to Atlanta.

I expect to be in town from April 28 through May 5. I'm scheduled for a one-day stand in Washington on May 6, but I take it you and Margarita will be heading for New York by then.

In any case, Jane and I will be expecting you sometime during the week of May 1, and hope you will plan to stay with us.

Until then, our very best to you both.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P. S. -- I needn't tell you that you couldn't have picked a better or livelier time for another Southern visit!

April 1, 1960

Mr. Leo Falardeau
Coleraine, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Falardeau:

We are enclosing some informational material concerning the Council plus a copy of our monthly magazine, NEW SOUTH.

I am also including a thumbnail sketch of some of our activities.

If we can be of additional aid, please write to us.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

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- Congressional Record
- The Changing South
- January NEW SOUTH
- New South Promotion

April 5, 1960

Mrs. Earl Andrews
3125 Audubon Road
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Olive:

I certainly appreciated your letter. I don't suppose anyone else would have ever thought of my trip home, but I want to show you it was no bother at all. First of all I had a delightful evening with the Moreland Smiths and they invited a former classmate of mine while at Wesleyan to have dinner with us atthe Country Club. So intoto it was no bother in the least. In fact I become so exhilarated when I get with you and the Montgomery Fellowship of the Concerned I feel as though I have had a shot in the arm.

I am sending to all of you some facts from the "Air Reserve Center Training Manual" criticizing the National Council of Churches. I want to say to you women in Montgomery, though you may be small in number you are certainly a real force on the right side, and you know right always finally triumph.

Thank you so much for your understanding and your concern about my welfare. Don't you remember that I am wearing on my watch the mustard seed you sent to me, and it makes me think of you constantly through the day.

Love and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lcc

April 5, 1960

Via Air Mail

The Rev. William K. Williams
Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
4241 S. W. 109 Court
Miami, Florida

Dear Bill:

I have been on the road for most of the last week in New Orleans, Little Rock, Charlotte, and northern Virginia. This explains why I have not been in touch with you very much in recent days.

We have received clearance from our attorney for continued financial assistance to non tax-exempt groups, so that this barrier seems to be awaiting only the consideration of details such as the form of letters of transmittal, etc. You will be glad to hear that Arkansas received tax-exemption yesterday and Georgia a few days earlier. Tennessee and Florida remain the only hold-outs and both applied quite recently compared to the other councils.

There remains to be clarified and satisfied only the formal compliance with conditions that will enable me to win staff approval for release of your second quarter check and removal of the Florida Council from further conditional status by the executive committee of SRC at its meeting May 3. From what you indicate in your letter of April 4 this should be possible fairly quickly.

Your plan for book-keeping operation and for raising your budget for 1960 appear to me to be very sound and satisfactory. There may be a bit more difficulty about the audit but this can be done during the current quarter.

I believe we can release your second quarter instalment as soon as you do one more thing. Arrange to have a formal letter sent to Harold and myself over the signature of your current president as well as yourself. This would be a more formal letter which could be waved at the executive committee etc. This letter would have your state president sharing responsibility with you for these arrangements. It would mention again the book-keeping arrangement which you have worked out, and also indicate what you told me over the phone about the continuing role that the treasurer would play in financial policy. The letter should also indicate that the president and director have agreed on a general plan for meeting the budget for 1960 and indicate that the plan will be submitted to the executive committee on April 23rd. Your letter would finally stipulate that the president and the director agree that the Florida Council will have an adequate audit completed as soon as possible.

I have discussed these matters thoroughly with Harold, and I believe that your second quarterly instalment can be released immediately upon receipt of such a letter. This would mean a delay of only a few days and will, I think, strengthen the position of the Florida Council here. It also involves your lay leadership in these decisions of the Council which is in line with your effort to have the board more responsible and more involved.

As far as the audit is concerned: Harold does not feel that it is proper for us to write directly to your CPA. He feels that inasmuch as the person involved is employed and paid by the Florida Council, it would be awkward and improper for us to write to him. To try to meet your needs in this direction, therefore, I am enclosing a separate letter to you which I trust you can send over to him. I hope this will clarify the situation to him and indicate that it is SRC and not FCHR which is dissatisfied with his recent financial statement.

I will be shortly preparing the April Newsletter which will emphasize the role that state councils have been playing in the current wave of student protests. If you have anything to add involving the Florida Council or its local groups that has not been in your recent mailings, pass it on. I will be here the rest of this week and the first couple of days next week, should you need to check with me.

Sincerely,

PMR/sm
Enc.

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

April 6, 1960

Mr. Gene Bridges
The Unitarian Church
South 12th & Bantz Boulevard
Tacoma 66, Washington

Dear Mr. Bridges:

We are mailing you, under separate cover, the two copies of the student protest report.

We are placing your name on our mailing list which will enable you to receive, free of charge, a single copy of most of our material. This does not include our monthly publication, NEW SOUTH, which is described in the enclosed leaflet.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

April 6, 1960

Mr. N. G. Simons
Administrator
Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital
Eight Hundred Young's Lane
Nashville 7, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Simons:

We are mailing you, under separate cover, four copies of the mimeographed report, "Religious Bodies and the Supreme Court Decision." The one, "The Churches Speak Out on the School Decision" is out of print.

Since we have a limited supply of this compilation, we are only able to send four copies.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec

April 6, 1960

Mr. Harold R. Tyler, Jr.
Special Assistant to the
  Attorney General
Office of the Attorney General
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Tyler:

A bout of 'flu, followed immediately by a week of jury duty, has delayed my writing to say how much I enjoyed meeting with you and your colleagues.

I haven't been entirely inactive on the matters we discussed, however. We have arranged for a consultant to visit McCormick County this coming weekend and will convey his findings to you at the earliest possible time. We have also compiled a list of counties with sizeable Negro populations and abnormally low registrations, as subjects for similar field inquires as soon as they can be arranged.

We have discussed with Lucius Pitts, Executive Secretary of the Georgia Teachers and Education Association, the possibility of his paying a visit to your office. He feels that some of the information he has acquired in his constant travels through Georgia would be of help to you. I will be writing you further about this; meanwhile, Mr. Pitts is to furnish us a list of his counterparts in the other Southern states, which I will forward to you.

Finally, enclosed is a list of Negro institutions of higher learning. Although it is dated 1950, we know of no later compilation. I think it unlikely that a current list would differ in any important respect.

Call on us if there are other ways in which we can be helpful.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Enclosures

April 6, 1960

Mr. William H. Swan
Consultant
Commission on Civil Rights
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Bill:

We are glad to put the State Advisory Committees Division on our all-purpose mailing. As for the state committees themselves, we have for some time been sending our materials to members of the Southern advisory committees in those cases where we had the names and addresses. We never secured the list for several states, and I'm sure that our lists are outdated for others. If you can send us up-to-date rosters, we will revise our mailing list accordingly.

I should add that the area covered is the eleven states of the old Confederacy, plus Kentucky. If you think we should include chairmen, or all members, of other committees, let me know.

We are weak on Louisiana names, particularly outside New Orleans. Since I am temporarily inactivated by jury duty, I have asked Paul Rilling of our staff to pull together such names as he can and send them on to you.

Let me hear from you whenever you're down this way next, and whenever we can be of service to you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 7, 1960

JC MF

Please put the following outfit on your ăă "All-Purpose" list:

The State Advisory Committees Division
Commission on Civil Rights
Washington 25, D. C.

April 7, 1960

Mr. William N. Rose
Staff Assistant for Governor's
Commission on Race Relations
Office of the Governor
State of Florida
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Mr. Rose:

We were glad to have your request for additional copies of our Special Report on the student protests; twelve more copies have been sent.

If you find later that a larger quantity would be useful in your work with local bi-racial committees, I am sure we can arrange to supply it. We, along with many others, are grateful for the fine leadership that Governor Collins is giving, and will be more than happy to render any service we can to you and your associates.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

via air mail April 7, 1960

Mr. John V. P. Lassoe, Jr.
N. A. I. R. O.
Room 209, 426 West 58th Street
New York 19, New York

Dear John:

Your letter to Mire was, indeed, a helpful one, full of good ideas and sound advice. I must add, however, that Mire is overstating the case if he says the proposal has my endorsement. While I did react favorably to the general idea, I also criticized the proposal in some major respects -- notably, the overly large scale on which they propose to begin activity in the South. There is also the fact that only a fraction of the proposed effort deals directly and overtly with human relations; the rest is just interracial workers' education.

But all this is academic, and recognized tactfully in your letter to Mire.

I'm sorry to hear that Taconic has evidently nixed the NAIRO request. Even so, I don't think this necessarily indicates a revision of your material. Try it on Vernon Eagle and Dave Freeman, if you haven't already. If they have serious criticisms, then revision might well be considered.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Material mailed:
Next Steps
What the S.C. Said
N.S. Oct., Nov., Dec., Jan., Feb., March
Three Views
Eco. Effects of School Closing
Prejudicé and Society

April 7, 1960

Mr. Eric Keele
Box 232, Seerley Baker
Cedar Falls, Iowa

Dear Mr. Keele:

We are mailing you, under separate cover, complimentary copies of Southern Regional Council's materials which may be of help to you in your project.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec

April 7, 1960

Mr. Mel Scholnick
2401 Coral Way, Apt. 1
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Scholnick:

Enclosed is some material concerning the Southern Regional Council, its aims and origins. If we can be of additional help, please write.

With best wishes for your paper.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Enclosures - 2

April 8, 1960

Mr. W. H. Frey
Puritan Chemical Company
916-32 Ashby Street, N. W.
Atlanta 18, Georgia

Dear Bill:

Many thanks for your good letter of April 5. Nothing could please us more than to think our materials are proving helpful to you and others like you.

We are mailing today the reports you requested us to send Mr. Shugart.

I hope to see you again one day soon.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 8, 1960

Mr. Oscar Cohen
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Oscar:

Thanks so much for your kind word about the NYT Magazine piece, and for calling it to John May's attention. He has written that he and his wife will be here for a couple of days early in May, and I'm looking forward to seeing them again.

Your good offices are, as always, greatly appreciated.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 8, 1960

Via Air Mail

Mr. Charles Jones
2112 Trade Street
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Charles:

It was good to have the opportunity of being with you again recently and of hearing you and your colleague so ably present the moving story of what you are doing. I could only wish that all the student demonstrations, fine as they are, could be carried out with as much dignity and tactical coordination as has been the Charlotte effort.

I trust you will remember with kindness what I said on the occasion and not what the Charlotte paper said I said. (Shudder!)

I am sending on to you a letter from the Lutheran Youth magazine. I am telling Dr. Brubaker and them that I am writing you. I would strongly urge that you meet their request as soon as you can. We need this kind of forum and I think you would be the ideal man to handle the assignment.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm
cc: Dr. Brubaker
Mrs. Paul Santmire

April 8, 1960

Dear Miss Wilkins:

On behalf of the entire staff, I should like to express again our sincere appreciation for the lovely plant which you so graciously gave to us.

We, along with others who are privileged to use our conference room will long enjoy its exquisite beauty.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mildred Flowers
Secretary to the Director

MCF

Miss Josephine Wilkins
c/o Biltmore Hotel
Atlanta, Georgia

Green + original
copies to J.C.

April 8, 1960

Dr. Dilworth Lupton
1606 Fruitwood Drive
Clearwater, Florida

Dear Dr. Lupton:

Thank you so much for your letter and your kind words about our recent reprint of newspaper articles. It hadn't occurred to us before that the lack of dates on newspaper items in New South is a handicap; I am passing your good suggestion on to John Constable of our staff, who edits New South. He will also be grateful for your favorable comments about the publication.

We do send New South complimentarily to a fairly large selection of newspaper editors and to some officeholders. This is far from blanket coverage, but it does get the material to some readers in addition to "the faithful."

The latest word on George Mitchell is that he may return to Atlanta for a teaching stint at Spelman College. I haven't had confirmation of this from George himself, but I am hoping for the best. Otherwise, he has been perfecting his mountainside retreat in Scotland and looking forward to a book for Knopf on Southern regionalism.

My good wishes to you and Mrs. Lupton.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 8, 1960

VIA AIR MAIL

Hotel LaSalle
Chicago, Illinois

Gentlemen:

Please reserve for Mrs. M.E. Tilly a single room with bath for April 21, 22, and 23. She will be attending the American Civil Liberties Union meeting.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Luel E. Cummings
Secretary to Mrs. Tilly

/lec

April 11, 1960

Miss Glenda Briscoe
1205 Palmyra Avenue
Richmond 27, Virginia

Dear Miss Briscoe:

We have heard here of the way in which students from Union Seminary have been involved in the protest demonstrations in Richmond and about their continuing concern for the principles involved. I think there is no doubt but that in those places where white students have joined forces with the Negro students, the moral implications of the protests are more effectively dramatized.

I think your idea of printing a regular bulletin would be a useful contribution. However, you may be able to make use of the bulletins which have been coming out of the National Student Christian Federation or, better still, the regular bulletin on this matter which the Southern office of the National Student Association plans to begin putting out soon. I am sending your name and that of Mr. Biggs on over to Miss Connie Curry, director of the Southern Project of NSA. You might want to write to her:

Miss Connie Curry
Southern Students Human Relations Project
41 Exchange Place
Atlanta, Georgia

We are unable to put out here frequent news summaries because of the press of our own research commitments. We will, however, send on to you any reports or surveys on the protest movement. Thank you for your kind words.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

cc - Don Bowers
+ Connie Curry

April 11, 1960

Father Alexander O. Sigur
P. O. Box 532
S. L. I. Station
Lafayette, Louisiana

Dear Father Sigur:

We have been asked by the Civil Rights Commission to suggest some additional persons in Louisiana for membership in the Louisiana Advisory Committee. Dr. Harris has left the state and I believe they wish to fill his position and probably one or two others. They are primarily interested in new white members.

We believe that these committees have an opportunity to make a real contribution and that their membership is quite important. We would appreciate any thoughts you have on this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

April 11, 1960

Mr. Sylvan Meyer, Editor
Gainesville Daily Times
Gainesville, Georgia

Dear Sylvan:

It has just occurred to me that Dr. Rufus Harris, new president of Mercer, served on the Louisiana Civil Rights Commission and might be willing to serve here.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

April 11, 1960

Via Air Mail

Mrs. Moise Cahn
40 Versailles Boulevard
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Cahn:

We have been asked by the Civil Rights Commission to suggest some additional persons in Louisiana for membership in the Louisiana Advisory Committee. Of course Dr. Harris has left the state and I believe they wish to fill his position and probably add one or two others. They are primarily interested in new white members. We would appreciate any thoughts you have on this matter.

We believe that these committees have an opportunity to make a real contribution and that their membership is quite important. We will, I believe, submit your name on the list unless you object. Have you other thoughts?

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

April 11, 1960

The Rev. Dan Bowers
Executive Director
Virginia Council on Human Relations
216-C Broad-Grace Arcade Building
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Dan:

As you may have noted, a sub-committee of our Sibley (Perrow) Commission went to Prince Edward County recently to observe the operation of the private school there. Mrs. Tilly received the enclosed letter from one of her contacts there indicating the kind of contacts that were made by the Georgia group.

For obvious reasons, you should attempt to contact Mrs. Crawford on your next visit to Prince Edward County, if for no other reason that she will no longer be able to say "There is no interracial group at work here or on the state level." It would be nice if our different hands knew what each other were doing.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm
Enc.

April 11, 1960

Mr. Galen Martin
Knoxville Council on Human Relations
P. O. Box 887
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Galen:

The materials you requested are in the mail. I think it is entirely possible that such a TV series might be of real value in Knoxville. I would first try to see if the stations would take them on a public service, cost free basis. They would not in Atlanta but I think would in many places.

If there is anything we can do to help on the effort, let me know.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

April 11, 1960

Mr. James M. Howard
2606 Sunrise Boulevard
Fort Pierce, Florida

Dear Mr. Howard:

Thank you for your letter concerning your NEW SOUTH subscription.

According to our records, we have not received a payment for your subscription from the Florida Council on Human Relations. Your membership in the Florida Council does not automatically entitle you to a subscription to NEW SOUTH. To do this, the Florida Council must send us the $2.00 subscription fee.

I am writing Bill Williams concerning this.

I am pleased that you would like to distribute some sample copies of NEW SOUTH to your local Community Association. We are mailing them to you under separate cover.

I hope this will serve to straighten out your subscription.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
cc/Mr. William K. Williams

April 11, 1960

Mrs. Mary J. Todd McKenzie
1430 Davis Street
Jacksonville 9, Florida

Dear Mrs. McKenzie:

Thank you for your card concerning your NEW SOUTH subscription.

According to our records, your subscription dues for NEW SOUTH have not been forwarded to us from the Florida Council. I am writing Mr. William K. Williams concerning this.

However, our subscription clerk has forwarded back issues to you; and I trust that my letter to Mr. Williams will straighten out the complication.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
cc: Mr. William K. Williams

April 11, 1960

Mr. Jonathan E. Greene
Lehigh S.S.R.A.M.
P. O. Box 30
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Greene:

Thank you for your letter concerning material on the student protest movement.

We are mailing you some material which we think may be of interest. If you need additional copies for further use, please let me know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

April 11, 1960

The Rev. James Brewer
The Unitarian Church of Norfolk
15th Street and Moran Avenue
Norfolk 7, Virginia

Dear Jim:

I would have no objection to attending your annual meeting or to sharing the platform with Galen Weaver. In fact, I would have even fewer objections to coming to the meeting, being introduced and enjoying Weaver's talk.

It is quite obvious that our mutual friend Gene Pickett completely misrepresented the consultation which he and I held recently in Richmond. The results were not as you suggest.

You say that you have not had time to read our report on the sit-in demonstrations and then you say you would like some suggestions on how your council can work in this area. Perhaps if you would read the suggestions in our report they would be of some help to you.

I will get some word to you fairly soon on several aspects of this question of dealing with the situations. We have been in correspondence with the Women's Committee, as you probably know. They seem to be working with a local reporter to try to pull together some material dealing with the use of biracial negotiating committees across the South.

We are developing several things which may be of help to you. My next state council newsletter which I hope to get ready this week, will summarise the ways in which our local and state groups have been active in the sit-in movement.

It is also probably that SRC will shortly be getting out some analysis of constructive solutions that have been found workable in various places and of the biracial committee efforts. Suffice it to say for now that the roles our groups have tended to play have fallen into three general categories. (a) Support of student demonstrations. (b) Sympathetic interpretation of the protest to the general public. (c) Efforts to encourage or initiate constructive negotiating procedures.

I trust the seal remains intact on my property which you are holding.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

BC: Benjamin Muse

April 11, 1960

The Honorable LeRoy Collins
Governor
State of Florida
Tallahassee, Florida

My dear Governor Collins:

It is a pleasure to send you the enclosed version of your fine address before the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, which we have reprinted under the title "The South and the Nation." With the thought that you might have use for more, we are sending fifty copies under separate cover.

We are grateful to you for permission to reprint the speech for distribution to a wider audience. And I should like to add an expression of deep appreciation for the leadership you are giving in the situation arising from the student protests. We are all in your debt.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 11, 1960

Mr. Harry Fleischman
National Labor Service
165 East 56th Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Harry:

The word you want is neither "omnipotent" nor "omnipresent", but "omniverbose." I am grateful for the kind words about the NYT Magazine piece and for your query about reprints.

Naturally, being the modest fellow I am, I maintained a self-conscious silence until our president came up with instructions for us to reprint the article. Thus relieved of the charge of self-advertisement, I can now tell you that we will reprint. Paul Anthony is writing the Times for permission and could, I suppose, find out in short order what the most likely quantities would cost. We'd be delighted, of course, to have AJC and any other interested agencies join in, and I'll ask Paul to send you the dope on prices as soon as he gets it.

Unhappily, I won't be able to make the April 29 meeting of the Mass Media Committee; I have a whole covey of visiting firemen descending on me the latter part of that week. But I'll be with you in spirit.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P. S. -- We are adding your library to our all-purpose mailing list.

April 11, 1960

Mr. Lester Markel
The New York Times Magazine
Times Square
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Markel:

Mr. James M. Dabbs, President of the Southern Regional Council, has asked that I request permission to have the Council reprint the article, "A Southern View of the South," by Harold Fleming which appeared in the New York Times Magazine of April 3, 1960.

Thank you for your courtesies in this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

April 11, 1960

Mr. William K. Williams
Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
4241 S. W. 109 Court
Miami, Florida

Dear Bill:

Mrs. Mary J. Todd McKenzie and the Rev. James Howard write that they have paid their membership dues in the Florida Council. However, Mrs. Cook reports that there is no record of payment for NEW SOUTH subscriptions for either one. Could you check your records and determine whether you owe us a payment for these two people or not?

Thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

April 11, 1960

Mr. George Barrett
Nashville Community Relations Conference
2001 Division Street
Nashville 4, Tennessee

Dear George:

We would like to have twenty additional copies of "A Report on Nashville" by Wallace Westfeldt. If there is any charge, please bill us.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

April 11, 1960

Via Air Mail

Mr. Harry Jones
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 E. Third Street, Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

I have not been able to run down the report you asked for concerning customer reaction at Macy's etc. This frustrates the heck out of me because I remember the report clearly and made reference to it in speeches 2 or 3 times years ago. The fact remains I cannot find the damn thing in my files, nor can we find it in SRC files. Nor does AJC or ADL have it. We are writing some of the New York people in the field, but in the meantime, I must report failure. Sorry.

We need your help on something else. We are readying a report here which will be a kind of analysis and interpretation of emerging community efforts to solve local sit-in crises. Our hope is to indicate some of the patterns being tried with emphasis on such successful break-throughs as exist and hopefully to have some influence on communities which have yet to move.

The enclosed list of questions will indicate the kind of thing we need to know. We are particularly concerned with your analysis of #8 in some depth. If possible, can you prepare or have prepared for us an analysis of efforts at solution in Salisbury and in Charlotte. We are particularly interested in Salisbury where some successes have been achieved. We would hope the reports could be in writing but informal in form, covering the points indicated and any other facts you consider pertinent.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm
Enc.

MEMORANDUM April 11, 1960

To: Jean Fairfax
From: Paul Rilling

Re: THE meeting

1. Expansion of SCLC. I had heard about this but understood it was not yet ready for public discussion. I would suggest that we leave it off the agenda and ask Ella Baker if she would like to say something about it under the New Projects item.

2. I would suggest that Connie Curry be asked to lead off the discussion on sit-ins.

3. If Dorothy Hampton plans to come you could let her discuss school desegregation developments in Charlotte and North Carolina. If not, I would suggest Bill Bagwell or whoever from your High Point office.

4. John Yungblut can report on New Orleans. I can report on Atlanta and Georgia. I don't know who will be able to handle comments on Houston and Dallas. If it will help, I will try to get a report from our constituents there and you can do the same. Perhaps we can ask Charles Wittenstein to get a report from Gus Falk in Dallas.

5. I will have Dan Bowers' latest report from Prince Edward County.

PMR/sm

April 11, 1960

Miss Dorothy E. Hampton
286 Hillsboro Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Dorothy:

Generally, any of the Special Reports put out by SRC are available on request. The ones on the student protest movement have been in such demand that we are trying to charge 10¢ per copy on bulk orders -- though it's not a hard and fast rule. Single copies -- as long as they last -- are free and we would be pleased to have you recommend it.

Sorry that you can't make the interagency meeting but hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

April 11, 1960

Mr. Robert H. Bohlke
Assistant Professor
Social Science Department
State University College of Education
Oneonta, New York

Dear Professor Bohlke:

Please accept and share with your colleagues our appreciation for the fine statement "To All Who Care," which you published as an advertisement.

Those Southerners of both races who are working for an end to segregation and discrimination often have their moments of discouragement when they wonder who does care. I wish all of them could read your statement and appreciate the conviction and understanding which it expresses.

I must add that we are grateful for the favorable mention of the Southern Regional Council and its work.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Sent separately:
The Negro and the Ballot
A Background Report on School Desegregation
If the Schools Are Closed...

April 12, 1960

Mr. Robert Walters
Program Director - WLRN
Box 163
Lehigh University
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Walters:

At your request, a copy of the Special Report on the student protests has been sent to you.

As Director of Information for the Council, I am placing your name on our press list which will entitle you to receive, free of charge, most of our reports and pamphlets as they are issued. This does not include NEW SOUTH, our monthly magazine, a copy of which is enclosed.

This issue of NEW SOUTH contains more information on the protest and I am also enclosing a copy of "A Human Appeal," which may be of interest to you.

Also, under separate cover, I am sending you some of our latest studies. If we can be of additional aid, please let us know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec
Enclosures - 3

March New South
A Human Appeal
NS Promotional Piece

April 12, 1960

Mr. John Lofton
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
Grant Street at Second Avenue
Pittsburgh 30, Pennsylvania

Dear John:

Thanks for the recent clips.

You will receive the enclosed in due time through the automatic process. But, I wanted to especially call it to your attention. It is one of our new efforts -- a series, "Toward Regional Realism," that will be a companion to our more customary roles of fact-finding and research.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1. (Collins pamphlet)

April 12, 1960

Mr. Herbert Blitz
Office of Senator Jacob Javits
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Herb:

You will receive the enclosed in due time through the automatic process. But, I wanted to especially call it to your attention. It is one of our new efforts -- a series, "Toward Regional Realism," that will be a companion to our more customary roles of fact-finding and research.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1. (Collins pamphlet)

April 12, 1960

Mrs. Annie Stein
131 Westminster Road
Brooklyn 18, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Stein:

We are pleased to send you our reports L-16 and L-17, both of which deal with desegregation and academic achievement. There is no charge.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

April 12, 1960

Dr. E. William Noland
Department of Sociology
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Dr. Noland:

We read with a great deal of interest your report on convention hotel facilities in the South, prepared for the Sociological Society. The Council is in the midst of a similar project, undertaken at the urging of representatives of several academic and cultural organizations. We are writing to ask any help you may be able to extend to us.

We have forwarded questionnaires to: 1) some 231 hotels (selected on the basis of the ability to lodge 100 or more guests) in 90 cities in thirteen Southern and Border states; 2) chambers of commerce or convention bureaus in 90 Southern and Border cities; 3) 40 professional inter-group agencies; and 4) other individuals we knew to be informed in such matters. (A mailing to a number of regional and national organizations is planned; however, these questionnaires have not yet been forwarded.) Copies of our questionnaires are enclosed.

So far we haven't been as fortunate as you were in the number of replies. Sixty-three replies have been received, and only 34 of that number were from hotels or chambers of commerce and convention bureaus. Questionnaires continue to be returned to us, however, and our mailings were completed only three weeks ago.

We hope to issue a final report in two sections: one will be a directory of non-discriminatory facilities for conventions and conferences, which will be made available to those organisations soliciting such information; the second section will be in the form of an interpretive piece concerned with variances in practice from state to state, laws and ordinances, attitudes of groups with biracial membership toward discriminatory facilities, etc. Although the latter section will probably be released to the press, it will respect the hotels' susceptibility to community economic pressures by concealing names of individual facilities.

Since ~~r~~we realise that you may have plans for the publication of your data (or that you may have committed yourself to some secrecy in regard to the results of your survey), this letter is a rather shapeless request for help of any sort you might be able to extend, from the data you have accumulated.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM:a
Enclosures: list of cities
3 questionnaires

April 12, 1960

Mr. William Bagwell
American Friends Service Committee
P. O. Box 1307
High Point, North Carolina

Dear Bill:

We need your help. We are preparing a report which will be a kind of analysis and interpretation of emerging community efforts to solve local sit-in crises. Our hope is to indicate some of the patterns being tried with emphasis on such successful break-throughs as exist and hopefully to have some influence on communities which have yet to move.

The enclosed list of questions will indicate the kind of thing we need to know. If possible, will you prepare for us an analysis of efforts at solution in High Point. We would like very informal written reports, covering the points indicated and any other facts you consider pertinent.

We will be grateful if you can find the time to do this.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm
Enc.

April 12, 1960

Professor James K. Sours
Department of Political Science
University of Wichita
Wichita 14, Kansas

Dear Professor Sours:

Thank you for the historical sketch of Wichita, which you enclosed with your letter of April 7. I look forward to reading it within the next few days. In the meantime, let me tell you that you are welcome any time during your stay in Atlanta later this month. I don't know where your association is meeting, but our office is centrally located down-town and ought to be convenient for you.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

April 12, 1960

Mr. Brunswick A. Bragdon
Southern Regional Director
U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
1371 Peachtree St. N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Bragdon:

We would like very much to receive a copy of your address to a meeting of Associated Merchandising Corporation research directors on March 29.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Green + Oregones
to staff

April 12, 1960

Dr. Walter Johnson
Department of History
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

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Dear Walter:

I was delighted to receive a copy of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue the other day, and most grateful to you for thinking of me. I'm looking forward to reading it as soon as I can prise it loose from Jane, who plunged into it as soon as it was unwrapped.

I'll be writing you again, as well as the publisher, as soon as I have finished the book. Meanwhile, our best greetings to you and Bette.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 12, 1960

Mr. C. G. Gomillion
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee, Alabama

Dear Mr. Gomillion:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter to the members of the Southern Sociological Society. It was a fine job of restrained and persuasive interpretation, and I'm sure it had a lot to do with the unequivocal stand taken by the Society last week.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 12, 1960

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
Executive Director
New World Foundation
475 Riverside Drive
New York, New York

Dear Vernon:

You're an amazing and wonderful character. George Mitchell used to talk about Peleus on Ossa, which had to do with one mountain piled on top of another. That's just what your contribution to SRC is, and in both my official and private capacity I thank you warmly.

Jane and the boys send their best and instruct me to tell you that our house is your house whenever you're in Atlanta.

Best,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1. (Official receipt)

April 12, 1960

Mr. John Perry
Office of the Governor
State Capitol
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Mr. Perry:

Ben Muse suggested that you and your associates would like to have a copy of the enclosed study by Professor Clarence H. Patrick of Wake Forest College. Ben has also arranged for one of his newspaper friends in Winston-Salem to send us an account of community developments in the lunch-counter situation there. I will forward a copy to you as soon as it arrives.

With regards and good wishes for your fine efforts in Florida,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - (Patrick Manuscript)

April 12, 1960

Mr. Benjamin Muse
Box 312
Manassas, Virginia

Dear Ben:

Can we shift gears for a moment to talk about something other than Florida?

In Sumter County, South Carolina, a law suit which would challenge the South Carolina placement law is in preparation. The suit will not be brought in behalf of Negro plaintiffs but in behalf of Turks. If you are not familiar with the Sum~~p~~ter County Turks, don't worry about it. They exist and have for many generations, and their presence compel~~l~~s Sum~~p~~ter County to maintain three school systems. A few years back, the high schools, white and Turks, were consolidated, but the elementary schools are still in triplicate. There has been already one court suit carried unsuccessfully to the Supreme Court -- which would not review. One of the things now which the lawyer wants is some test administered to children in the Turk school. I put him in touch with some of the teacher education people at Emory. I gather they are willing to serve as professional consultants. It is their opinion, however, that their work cannot begin until an educational administrator, and not a lawyer, has decided what kind of test would be right.

Do you think Mr. Brewbaker could be enlisted for this consultation? I suppose it could wait until July when he comes with us, or could be done any time sooner if that were convenient for him. As I would understand it, it would require on his part first a consultation with the lawyer in Sum~~p~~ter and then some communication with the people at Emory.

Sincerely yours,

LWD:a

Leslie W. Dunbar

April 12, 1960

Mr. Ira Kaye
102½ N. Main Street
Sumter, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Kaye:

Ross Green called me yesterday and told me what he and Ed Ladd had decided about participation in your suit. These fellows get over-specialized. However, Ross told me that he was going to make clear to you that they would be in a position to help you if you got someone well versed in schools' administration to advise on the sort of text needed. Perhaps you will have someone in mind. If so, I wish you would let me know because I am going to look into a possible person who would fill Green's and Ladd's specifications.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
CC: Benjamin Muse
D. R. Green

April 12, 1960

Mr. Curtis Gans
National Student Association
3457 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania

Dear Curt:

My current plans will involve my arriving in Washington the 22nd at 8:17 p.m. This is not the time I told you, but an error was made in copying the schedule. There are only two planes in the afternoon and the other would involve my leaving the meeting at noon.

I believe you should feel no obligation to work everybody into the act at the Conference. I think it entirely possible, particularly if you get an adult name speaker for the conference, that you will not need to use other adults such as Max Heirich and myself on the platform. I think student participation should be emphasized and I am sure that neither Max nor I burn with any particular zeal to be featured as speaker. The needs of the conference should be the determinant.

If it is felt that I am needed in some other role than resource, I trust you will indicate to me the specific nature of the desired role, length of time, etc.

I wish you the best in planning and carrying out this conference.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm
cc: Connie Curry

April 13, 1960

Mr. Nelson Shipp
Department of Commerce
100 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Shipp:

As you requested in our telephone conversation this morning, I am enclosing a brief biographical sketch. If you find yourself in need of more detailed information, feel free to call me for it.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

April 13, 1960

Captain Frank W. Spencer
Box 136
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Captain Spencer:

Thank you very much for the letter in the *Savannah News* quoting our recent release, *The Southern Regional Council Reports the Changing South*.

I enjoyed talking with you by telephone and was quite pleased when our clipping service sent us your letter.

We would be interested in knowing about any reaction you have from the letter.

Again, thanks, and very best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

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April 13, 1960

Miss Andrea Rogin
Box 8303
Guilford College, North Carolina

Dear Miss Rogin:

Mr. Fleming, who is away from the office, has asked that I respond to your letter of the 4th.

Unfortunately, I cannot at this time offer any hope of employment with the Council. There is some slight hope that we may need temporary help during the summer, but I seriously doubt that this would serve your purposes.

Very likely Dr. Lovejoy has already suggested that you contact the National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials. N.A.I.R.O. maintains a listing of openings in this field and from time to time promotes intern programs. Their address is: 426 West58th Street, New York 19, New York. And, of course, the American Friends Service Committee at 1818 S. Main Street, High Point, N. C., might be able to help.

If you find an opportunity to be in Atlanta at any time, we would be pleased to talk with you. I don't believe, however, that any assistance we might offer would warrant a special trip.

Incidentally, I was for three years a student of Dr. Lovejoy's. And, I think your decision to work in the area of human relations is a good one. The work is rewarding and the opportunities (the hope in this letter to the contrary) are excellent.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

April 13, 1960

Mr. Brunswick A. Bragdon
Southern Regional Director
U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics
1371 Peachtree St. N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Bragdon:

Many thanks for your offer to send me a copy of your next speech. In case you would like a copy for your files, I am enclosing a thermafax of the report which brought your talk to my attention.

I am also enclosing a pamphlet we are distributing this week, reprinting a speech of Governor Collins'; I think you will find it of interest.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Enclosures: Chattanooga Times clipping
Governor Collins' speech

April 13, 1960

Mr. Robert F. Campbell
Editorial Page Editor
Piedmont Publishing Company
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Campbell:

This is to thank you for the copy of Dr. Clarence H. Patrick's study, which you sent us at the request of Colonel Muse.

It is also most kind of you to have Mr. Bost give us an account of the lunch-counter situation in Winston-Salem. We are longstanding admirers of your newspaper and would welcome an opportunity to reciprocate your help.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 13, 1960

Mr. Robert T. Daland, Asso. Director
Regional Extension
212 Caldwell Hall
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Bob:

I have thought some more about people, and have also talked over the names with one informed person. I think I will stick with the three I gave you Tuesday: Tilman Cothran, Philip Hammer, Bob Thompson.

Incidentally, Bob Thompson would like to get on your mailing list for your news letter. He would also like to receive back copies.

It was good seeing you. Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

April 13, 1960

Dear Mr. Snell:

Please print 5,000 copies of the Tarplee leaflet in accordance with instructions in our previous letter.

Final page proof is enclosed.

The union label is to be affixed somewhere on the back outside page.

Your early scheduling of this job will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

April 14, 1960

Miss Marjorie LaMont-211
P. O. Box 45 Bidwell Station
Buffalo 22, N. Y.

Dear Miss LaMont:

I believe that our recent special report on the student protest movement will answer all your questions regarding the student demonstrations.

I will request that you be pleced on the mailing list of the Southern Project, National Student Association, 41 Exchange Place, Atlanta, Ga., for their monthly newsletter.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

April 14, 1960

Professor John H. Glasse
Department of Religion
Vassar College
Poughkeepsie, New York

Dear Professor Glasse:

We are mailing you today, under separate cover, a copy of our report on the student protest movement, as you requested. I am also enclosing with it our magazine, New South, March 1960, which contains an article on the sit-ins. It occurred to me, too, that you might be interested in an article by Dr. Will Campbell, in New South, January 1960, since his article deals with religion's role in desegregation.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

April 14, 1960

Miss Susan Preston
Swarthmore College
Swarthmore, Pa.

Dear Miss Preston:

First I should apologize for the delay in replying to your letter to Mr. Ralph McGill, which was forwarded to us.

Under separate cover we are mailing you several things which we believe you will find helpful. In addition, we suggest the following:

Antioch Review, Spring 1958
Southern Economic Journal, January, 1960
The Negro in American Society, Florida State University Studies #28
Vance and Demerath, The Urban South
William Peters, The Southern Temper
James McBride Dabbs, The Southern Heritage
Ashmore, Epitaph for Dixie

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
Accent on the South
Economic Effect of School Closing
New South, February, November, 1959
L-reports 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 11
The Student Protest Movement

Adler

Mailed April 14, 1960 to Saul Silverman
Staff Assistant, Race Relations Commission
Governor's Office
Tallhhassee, Fla.

New South, Feb. 1959 "Kentucky Desegregation"
"Bus Desegregation Gains"

New South, April 1958 "Sports [illegible] Integration Setting Example"

3 copies: Desegregation of Recreational Facilities in the Southern States
October, 1959

3 copies: Desegregating white institutions (colleges and universities)

3 copies: Desegregating Negro Institutions " "

1 copy: The People Take the Lead, AJC publication on civil rights, Jan. 1959

3 copies: Civil Rights in the Nation's Capital, NAIRO publication on civil rights
November 1959

Changing Patterns in the New South - 3 copies

The Negro and the Ballot in the South - 3 copies

Waiting Room Practices in 21 Southern Cities - 3 copies

April 14, 1960

Mr. John McKenzie
Higgins-McArthur Company
302 Hayden, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear John:

Please give us 1,000 reprints of Stallings' "Racial Differences in Academic Achievement". I understand that the price will not exceed $190.00.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

April 14, 1960

Mr. Emory Via
School for Workers
University of Wisconsin
Madison 6, Wisconsin

Dear Emory:

We will be glad to do what we can for you. I have asked Marge to begin pulling stuff together and the two of us will be working on it. In the meantime, best wishes to you and family.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

April 14, 1960

Mrs. Georgianna March
Assistant Editor
Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists
1100 East 58th Street
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Mrs. March:

I have kept your letter unanswered for a long time, and for that I must apologize. The fact is that I have not had the answer to your question.

Commentary decided after much hesitation to fulfil its financial commitment to Mr. Dabbs, but not to publish. Mr. Dabbs got the impression that his liberalism did not quite meet standards. Now for a couple of months, the *American Scholar* has had the article.

With Mr. Dabbs permission, I am enclosing a copy. If the *American Scholar* cannot use it, I feel sure that Mr. Dabbs would welcome your interest.

Sincerely,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Enclosure:
CC-"Freedom of Thought in the South"

April 14, 1960

Dr. & Mrs. Robert D. Phillips
1309 Westwood Avenue
Richmond 27, Virginia

Dear Dr. & Mrs. Phillips:

Enclosed is some informational material concerning the Southern Regional Council.

We do not have a mass mailing list, but most of our publications and reports are listed in our monthly magaaine, NEW SOUTH, of which a sample copy is enclosed.

If we can be of additional aid, please let us know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

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Enclosures - 5

Congressional Record
The Changing South
March New South
New South Promotional
The Collins address

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April 15, 1960

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
The Field Foundation
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Max:

Thanks for your letter of April 12 and the chance to furnish some background on proposed aid to state councils.

A minimum (or maximum) figure would be arbitrary, of course, since even a small amount would be helpful and there might be disagreement here on what would be a maximum. Also, it would make a difference whether I talk in terms of this year or 1961.

A moderate figure would be $25,000. Added to other prospective aid, a division of this amount would significantly strengthen the operating budgets of the state councils, but would be far from outright subsidy. The effort to raise local funds would have to continue at no less than the present level.

For 1961 and beyond the same would be true of as much as $40,000. This year we are distributing a total of $58,000 -- $33,000 from SRC's general funds and $25,000 from a special earmarked grant. For several reasons, including liquidation of the Fund for the Republic's terminal grant, our ability to make a similar allocation from general funds next year is extremely doubtful. We do expect a repetition of the $25,000 special grant in 1961.

There are staffed state councils in eight states -- Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. Kentucky carries on an active program through consultants, under the direction of its officers. We have also given modest aid to the local council in Houston, the Texas Council currently being without a staffed program.

In allocating aid, our criteria briefly are: the strategic importance of the state; general conditions in the state; past performance of the state council in program and fund-raising; quality of board and staff; foundation help, if any, received by the state council; the proposed budget and amount of aid requested; SRC's estimate of anticipated performance in the coming year.

On thesbabases, SRC staff works out proposed allocations, which are then reviewed and acted on by the Executive Committee and, when possible, by the full Council in annual meeting.

We require the state groups to submit quarterly program and financial reports. Our Field Director gives the major part of his time to counselling them through field visits and correspondence. All but two state councils now have tax-exempt status, and it seems likely that the other two -- Florida and Tennessee -- will get theirs soon. Meanwhile, we have established with the IRS that we can make distributions to non-tax-exempt groups so long as the funds are not improperly used.

As a spur to local fund-raising, we have made the allocations from the special fund of $25,000 conditional on each group raising a specified amount. During 1959, the state councils raised from sources other than SRC an aggregate total of slightly more than $50,000.

As I believe you know, the state councils became independent by mutual agreement in 1957. Our only official tie to them is through financial aid, although we work closely with them in program activities as well.

If you should find you need more detailed information on any point, I will gladly pull it together promptly.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

P.S. -- Since this was written, we have talked by telephone. I look forward to seeing you at 10:30 Tuesday morning.

April 18, 1960

The Rev. Jack A. Davis
Florida Council of Churches
Lake Byrd Lodge
Box 1056
Avon Park, Florida

Dear Mr. Davis:

Under separate cover, we are mailing you the requested 24 copies of our special report on the student protest movement. It is our third revision, and includes the material in the first two versions, plus added material bringing the report up to April 1st. Because of the unprecedented demand for this, we are now charging .10 per copy, and you will therefore owe us $2.40 for the 24 copies.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

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April 18, 1960

Dr. W. E. Garnett
864 Draper Road
Blacksburg, Virginia

Dear Dr. Garnett:

Thank you for letting me see the questionnaire concerning further efforts toward an Interracial Study Committee. Alternative #2 strikes me as particularly wise -- both because of the interest aroumed by the 1960 legislative proposal, and because the Committee would have such status as an official body.

In any case, I hope you will continue the effort by one or more of the proposed methods.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 18, 1960

Mr. Alex Morisey
Information Service
American Friends Service Committee
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia 27, Pennsylvania

Dear Alex:

Many thanks for the copies of FOCUS. It's a most readable newsletter; I ended up reading not only the sit-in items, but everything else as well.

Can I get on the mailing list?

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P. S. -- Unfortunately, I can't make the MM Committee meeting April 29, but hope to see you soon.

April 18, 1960

Mr. Nathaniel Griswold
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

Just a word of congratulations to you and the ACHR on your newly won tax-exemption.

Have you written to Dave Freeman? If not, I suggest you do. The tax-exemption, meaning that ACHR can receive the grant directly, is a good basis for writing.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 18, 1960

Mr. C. Wilson Record
Department of Sociology
Sacramento State College
Sacramento 19, California

Dear Wilson:

Thanks for the copies of your speech to the Forum on Public Issues -- a fine treatment of the whole school segregation question.

It's good to discover that you're carrying on a one-man SRC on the west coast.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 18, 1960

Mr. Israel Moss, Director
Department of National Organizations
Anti-Defamation League
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Israel:

Yes, SRC is planning to reprint the *New York Times Magazine* piece, and I'm sure we can supply enough copies for promotion of the NCSW session. I'll let you know when we have a delivery date. Meanwhile, thanks for your interest.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 18, 1960

Mr. Richard Nesmith, Chairman
Department of Sociology
MacMurray College
Jacksonville, Illinois

Dear Mr. Nesmith:

No apology is necessary. Through the press, I knew of your difficulties in Montgomery well ahead of our appointment, and so hardly expected you to make it.

I hope you were able to settle the Montgomery incident without lingering complications, and that this unpleasantness won't prevent your paying us a visit at another time. I can promise that Atlanta will be more hospitable.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Green &
originals to Lwd

April 18, 1960

Mr. William E. Douthit
Executive Director
The Urban League of Oklahoma City
215 N. Walnut Street
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Douthit:

Thank you so much for your helpful letter on public accommodations, which you sent to us in response to Mr. Puryear's communication.

This information will assist us in preparing a directory of inclusive facilities which professional associations and other groups can use. We shall see that you receive a copy of the report when it is done.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
cc: Mr. M. T. Puryear

April 18, 1960

Mr. W. H. Frey
110 Blackland Drive, N. W.
Atlanta 5, Georgia

Dear Bill:

Many thanks for your annual contribution to SRC. We have no more faithful -- or more appreciated -- supporter.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Enclosure - 1. (Official receipt)

April 18, 1960

Miss Florence Sytz
Unitarian Fellowship for Social
  Justice
First Unitarian Church
1800 Jefferson Avenue
New Orleans 15, Louisiana

Dear Miss Sytz:

Thank you for your letter and check as acting chairman of the Unitarian Fellowship. We shall be glad to enter a New South subscription, and to see that other pertinent materials are sent.

With the thought that you might like to have a set of our publications to date on the public school question, I am sending a packet separately.

A receipt is enclosed.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 18, 1960

The Rev. Foy Valentine
The Christian Life Commission
of the Baptist General Convention
of Texas
307 Baptist Building
Dallas 1, Texas

Dear Mr. Valentine:

We are mailing you today, under separate cover, the requested two copies of our special report on the student protest movement. There is no charge.

You will be interested to know that Dr. Mitchell resigned as director of SRC in January 1957, and has been living in Scotland. Harold C. Fleming is the present executive director.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

April 19, 1960

Miss Pam Coe
3580 Watauga
Memphis 11, Tenn.

Dear Miss Coe:

We are all looking forward to your arrival to work with us at SRC. I am wondering if I could be helpful to you in finding a place to live. If you would like to write me what arrangements you would prefer--boarding house, apartment, ??, I will be glad to look around, and to help you when you arrive.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

April 19, 1960

Mrs. Elizabeth B. Peelle
409 W. Vanderbilt Drive
Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Dear Mrs. Peelle:

Thank you for sending us a copy of the advertisement in the Oak Ridger, "An Appeal for Human Rights in Oak Ridge Our 'City of Opportunity'". It will be useful to us in our files. We are also happy to learn that a Mayor's Commission on Racial Relations, with 15 members, has been appointed.

Under separate cover we are mailing you the requested 20 copies of our special report on the student protest movement. We hope that the Mayor's Commission members will find it helpful.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

April 19, 1960

Mr. Lionel H. Newsom
Department of Sociology
Southern Branch Post Office
Southern University
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Newsom:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 11. The subscription fee for our monthly publication, NEW SOUTH, is $2.00 per year. I am enclosing a copy of our latest issue.

We thank you very much for your interest.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Luel E. Cummings
Secretary to the Director of
Information

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Enclosure

April 19, 1960

Via Air Mail

Mr. Nat Criswold
Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

Upon checking all of the documents, etc. relating to the conditions of the special grant I find that things are even worse than we thought. I myself did not remember correctly when you and I were going over the thing last month. It now seems that our original letter to you is not completely clear.

The situation is as follows: $2,000 of special funds was set aside for the Arkansas Council under the following conditions 1) $1,000 to be made available immediately. 2) Up to an additional $1,000 to be made available as of June 1 on the basis of matching evenly funds raised within the state in excess of $2,000 between December 1 and June 1.

This means that the matching funds apply only to all funds raised above $2,000 within the state. The original $1,000 from the special fund is not to be counted toward making up this figure. The Arkansas Council would have to raise a total of $3,000 locally to claim the full additional $1,000 from the special grant. This is the lowest local quota which was given to any of the staffed state councils.

I believe that the time limit could be extended from June 1 and could be put about anywhere you think strategic. We could simply match funds as they are raised above the $2,000 figure from time to time until December, or we might set a more specific time limit in the fall. I have no authority to alter the terms of the grant but I think it entirely possible that the time limit could be extended into late fall if you wish.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm
Enc.

April 19, 1960

Mr. John S. Taylor
Rt. 1, Box 78
Clarksville, Va.

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Thank you for your good letter of April 14. I regret that we have no vacancies which we could discuss with you. As a matter of fact, much of our fact-finding and research work is done on a commission basis, and we have here a very small professional staff. Your qualifications are most interesting, and we shall certainly pass on your name to any organisation which we may learn is seeking personnel.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

April 19, 1960

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Dear Ben:

I am returning the rest of your draft. I sent my comments to you, you may recall, some weeks ago. You will notice a few marginal jottings, both Harold's and mine.

Best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar

April 19, 1960

Mr. Gid Fryer
School of Social Work
The University of Tennessee
810 Broadway
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Fryer:

Harold passed on to me your letter of April 12, and we are glad to send sixty copies of the special report. For bulk orders we are asking a price of 10¢ each, so we would be glad to receive $6.00 from you. We are also including, as you requested, sixty copies of a discription of SRC.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Mailed separately:
60 - Student Protest Movement
60 - SRC

April 19, 1960

Dr. William P. Fidler
1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Dr. Fidler:

At the request of Professor David Fellman, we are forwarding, enclosed, a copy of our special report on the student protest movement in the South.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
CC: David Fellman
Enclosure:
The Student Protest Movement, Winter 1960
(Third revision, April 1, 1960)

April 19, 1960

Mr. Saul Silverman
Race Relations Commission
Governor's Office
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Mr. Silverman:

I am enclosing a few things which may possibly help you prepare a statement on intermarriage. The pamphlets of the American Friends Service Committee and the Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry may be particularly useful to you. Our little publication, Next Steps in the South, was done in 1956, and we have a revision at the printers now. In it we shall say:

> Do desegregated schools lead to interracial marriages?
>
> The idea that desegregation leads to an increase in interracial marriage is demonstrably false. Interracial marriage in the Northern states where it is legal, and where the schools have never been segregated by race, is unusual, and the percentage is so small as to be practically negligible. The fear of intermarriage is largely irrational, since there can never be a law or a court decision forcing persons to marry against their will. Marriage is and will remain a matter of personal choice.

Milton Meyer's article on miscegenation was in the September 1959 Progressive. In the Southern California Law Review, Fall 1958, there was what seemed to me to be a sound legal analysis of miscegenation statutes. I would suppose that both of these pieces would be available in some Tallahassee library, but, if not conveniently for you, please let me know and I shall send you thermafax copies.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Enclosures:
Next Steps in the South; Psychiatric Aspects of School Desegregation
Race and Conscience in America; The Myths of Racial Integration;
James M. Dabbs interview with Mike Wallace

original slightly altered!

April 19, 1960

The Rev. Robert Hughes
Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 1218 Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Bob:

I could come to your district meeting on May 7. ~~I might be able to come on May 14, but will not know for~~ a ~~few days~~. There is going to be a consultation at Frogmore, South Carolina on one of the last three week-ends in May. ~~The date is not yet finally set.~~ If you must know immediately, best you choose the 7th. I ~~would suggest if possible you wait a few days and let me se if I can clear the 14th. I~~ doubt that I will have any Saturday off in May.

I don't see how you could refuse to cooperate with Salisbury in the pulling together of details in his behalf. Let's hope that such will not be needed in the last analysis.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

April 19, 1960

Miss Sue Slaughter
522 Mowbray Arch
Norfolk 7, Virginia

Dear Miss Slaughter:

I am afraid we are not able to help you much concerning your request for names and addresses of interracial committees in the South. You will note that my letter of the 28th offered to send addresses of the more permanent groups in the North if you feel that their experiences would be helpful. Most of the Southern mediation committees are temporary and recent and we do not have names and addresses of the chairmen of these groups.

There have been some developments in the mediation field since my last letter to you. The official advisory committee has been established in Florida and this committee with the fine backing of the governor is urging mayors throughout the state to appoint local biracial committees. The development in Florida is one of the most encouraging responses to the sit-in crisis.

The mayor of Charlotte, North Carolina is moving toward the appointment of a permanent committee there and an official committee was also appointed in Savannah, Georgia.

I think it only fair to note that at this point some of us are developing grave doubts about the universal usefulness of interracial negotiating committees. I think such committees can be helpful only if leadership is ready to negotiate in good faith and if the committee can be honestly representative of prestige leadership in the white community and the actual Negro leadership. Such committees in Savannah and Raleigh have already announced their failure to reach a solution. The committee in Nashville recommended a solution which was turned down by the Negro leadership. I suspect that in some situations the negotiating effort which fails can do more harm than good.

Of course, the most dramatic examples of solutions to the protest movement are in San Antonio and Galveston, Texas, and to a lesser degree in Salisbury, North Carolina. Dr. Kenneth Morland, professor at Randolph Macon Woman's College, whom you may know, is currently in Texas doing a survey for us of the successful factors in the San Antonio and Galveston situation. We will send on his findings as soon as they are ready.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

P. S. It has just occurred to me that probably the best sources of information about names and addresses of local committees would be our state directors of Councils on Human Relations. I list below those for the states already mentioned.

Miss Louise Young
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2001 Division Street
Nashville, Tennessee

The Rev. William Williams
Florida Council on Human Relations
4241 S. W. 109 Court
Miami, Florida

The Rev. Dan Bowers
Virginia Council on Human Relations
216-C Broad-Grace Arcade
Richmond 19, Virginia

Mr. Harry Jones
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 E. Third Street, Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

April 19, 1960

Mr. Carl Murphy, President
Afro-American Newspapers
628 N. Eutaw Street
Baltimore 1, Maryland

Dear Mr. Murphy:

I am enclosing a copy of our voting study, which we published last Summer. It reports (in the appendix) the latest data we have for Virginia and South Carolina, as well as several other Southern states. We are enclosing also some statistics gathered for the North Carolina Advisory Committee to the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights, subsequent to our voting study. Because we have confined our fact-finding to the South, we have no data on Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.

As you probably know, the Commission on Civil Rights has just released the reports of the state advisory committees. There is apparently nothing in the reports about three of your states, and on Pennsylvania there is only the following: (page 337)

> There is no literacy of poll tax requirement for voting in Pennsylvania. Minimum age is 21 years, and a voter must have resided in the State 1 year or, if a former resident, 6 months. Registration is required unless one is a member of the United States military forces. Registration is permanent, but one must vote at least once every two years or request reinstatement. Voting lists are brought up to date not later than 50 days before each primary or general election. The registrant must state his party affiliation. State law does not provide for permitting voters

time off to vote, and absentee voting is not permitted even to the physically incapacitated but only to those in the armed services.

Only eight counties in Pennsylvania have information available to show the number of persons who voted or registered by race (Bedford, Cameron, Elk, Franklin, Juniata, Montour, Sullivan, and Wyoming), according to the Commission questionnaires circulated by the Advisory Committee to each of the 67 counties.

Analysis of all the information assembled by the Advisory Committee with respect to voting laws, registration procedures, and actual registration data indicates that there is no legally sanctioned or administratively imposed discrimination in regard to the voting rights of any minority group in Pennsylvania.

I am sorry we cannot be of more help to you, but I hope this will be some help.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Enclosure:
thermafax, appendix II N.C. voting
The Negro and the Ballot in the South

April 19, 1960

Miss Marjorie Schloss
Librarian
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Miss Schloss:

We are placing your name on our list to receive all subsequent research publications, as you requested. Do you have now, in your library, all of our publications that you would like? Our most recent ones are as follows:

The Negro and the Ballot in the South
If the Schools Are Closed
Special Report: Background on School Desegregation, Fall 1959
Special Report: the Student Protest Movement, Winter 1960 (third revision, April 1st)
The South and the Nation, by Governor Leroy Collins

We also publish a monthly magazine, New South, and the subscription cost is $2.00 per year. I am enclosing the latest issue.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

April 19, 1960

Mr. William H. Swan
State Advisory Committee Section
Commission on Civil Rights
726 Jackson Place, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Swan:

We are still trying to develop some potential names for you for membership in the Louisiana Advisory Committee, but in the meantime, I will send on a few names for your possible use:

1). Mrs. Moise Cahn, 40 Versailles Boulevard, New Orleans 15. Mrs. Cahn is very active in social and civic affairs in New Orleans. She is the past national president of the Council of Jewish Women. Her husband is a prominent businessman in New Orleans.

2). Mrs. Charles Keller, 1701 Arabella Street, New Orleans. I believe that Mr. Keller, a prominent businessman was at one time considered for an appointment. Mrs. Keller has been quite active in moderate and liberal causes in New Orleans. She has been a member of the board of the local Urban League and was at one time active in the Louisiana Council on Human Relations. I believe her brother is chairman of Delta Air Lines.

3). Dr. Harold Leif, a professor of Psychology at Tulane University. I imagine you would prefer to have nominations from outside the ranks of the clergy and college professors and from outside New Orleans, but New Orleans names keep cropping up.

4). Dr. Waldo McNeir, a professor at L.S.U. in Baton Rouge.

5). Mr. Moise Dennery, attorney in New Orleans.

Mrs. Cahn is known to be interested in serving on the committee. The others were not asked by us whether or not they would be receptive to an invitation.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

April 20, 1960

Mrs. James Augustus Burt, Jr.
4235 Meadow Lane Drive
Jackson 6, Mississippi

Dear Martha:

A virus bug has had me, hence the delay in returning the material to you. It is a strange mixture of half-truths, misquotes and more or less rumors. Mr. Fleming read it carefully as did some others and all agreed nothing can be done. The Southern Regional Council went into all of this a few years ago -- the opinion of the best of lawyers was that a lawsuit would only give widespread publicity.

These are annoying times right now, but it will cool down after general conference is over.

I am not worried about the Methodist Church. It can withstand the storm. One great, great tragedy is the failure of our ministers, through the years, to teach the congregations that God's love is all inclusive and He cares for every person of every race alike.

This young man is full of egotism and is seeking publicity and notoriety -- he really is sick!

I am going to Minneapolis to the meeting of the United Church Women. When I return, I will write you a date for me to come to Mississippi. We will get the Rabbi, the Priest, your conference secretary of

Christian Social Relations, Mrs. Ashmore, Bess and others for a luncheon meeting. I can get a better insight into what is happening -- maybe we will draw strength from each other.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/mf
Enclosure

April 20, 1960

Dr. F. D. Patterson
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Fred:

It was a pleasure to meet with you and the other Phelps-Stokes Fund trustees and staff yesterday. I hope my slight contribution was of some help, and I will expect to hear from you further about the forthcoming Capahosic Conference.

Following is a statement of my expenses:

Airplane fare (Atlanta-NYC-Atlanta)	$119.13
Limousines and Taxis	6.75
Hotel	15.18
Meals	6.20
Total:	$147.26

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 20, 1960

Air Mail Special Delivery

Dr. Gordon Lewis
Rollins College
Winter Park, Florida

Dear Dr. Lewis:

Thank you for your recent letter. Paul and I agree that it provides the information we need to recommend to the executive committee of SRC that the Florida Council be removed from conditional status.

We feel that recent actions of the Florida Council noted in your letter of April 11 do meet the requirements that we have outlined in compliance with past instructions of our executive committee.

Your executive committee will have had an opportunity to adopt a specific fund-raising plan by the next meeting of our executive committee May 3. The plan you suggest would seem to be reasonable and practical although several of our groups have not been successful in attempting to put specific responsibility for definite amounts on individual board members. I hope that you will meet with more success in this direction.

It is our intention, therefore, to ask the executive committee to remove the conditional status, subject only to the formality of our receiving a full audit of the financial records of the Florida Council.

We are anxious to cooperate with you any way that we can in the future and we anticipate that the Florida Council will continue to make a significant program contribution to the state and will grow in membership while operating in the black.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/sm
cc: Bill Williams

April 20, 1960

Mrs. L. L. Jackson
1413 Cleburne Avenue
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Jackson:

I am really thrilled that you are President of United Church Women of Alabama. You have a proven courage for the job. Congratulations to the Alabama women.

Are you going to Minneapolis? If so, I'll see you there.

Love,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/mf

via air mail April 20, 1960

Mrs. E. A. Green
1215 Cloncurry Road
Norfolk 5, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Green:

I was glad to have your telephone call this morning and am only sorry I could not accept the invitation to speak to the Women's Interracial Council on May 7.

I failed to ask whether the organizations can bear expenses and who recent speakers have been. With those handicaps, here are a few suggestions:

Marion A. Wright, Linville Falls, N.C.

James McBride Dabbs, Mayesville, S.C.

Benjamin E. Muse, Manassas, Va.

Rev. Will D. Campbell, P. O. Box 1083,
Nashville, Tennessee

Sylvan Meyer, editor, The Daily Times, Gainesville, Ga. (and chairman, Georgia Advisory Committee to the Civil Rights Commission)

Gordon Tiffany, director, U. S. Commission on Civil Rights, Washington 25, D.C. (or his representative)

Rev. John Morris, director, Episcopal Society for Cultural and Racial Unity, 50 Whitehall Street, Atlanta, Georgia

The list could be extended, of course, particularly since all of those I have named happen to be white Southerners. If further suggestions would be helpful, do let me know.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Sent separately by JC: "L" Reports #16, 17
Student Protest Movement Report

Note: Placed on JC's press list - 4/20/60

April 20, 1960

Mr. Aubrey N. Brown, Jr.
Editor
The Presbyterian Outlook
512 East Main Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Mr. Brown:

You should, of course, have been receiving all of our mailings; I apologize for the oversight.

We are sending separately the last few mimeographed materials we have issued, and arrangements have been made for you to receive all such mailings in the future. Practically everything we put out is for public use. In the rare cases when it is not, the material will be clearly marked "confidential."

Let me take this opportunity to thank you for the fine job you did on the "sit-in" protests.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 20, 1960

Rabbi William B. Silverman
The Temple
Congregation Ohabai Sholom
5015 Harding Road
Nashville 5, Tennessee

My dear Rabbi Silverman:

The quotation in which you are interested -- used originally, I believe, in the Wall Street Journal -- causes us a slight embarrassment. We don't know who on our staff was the unnamed spokesman, or whether the quotation is exactly as given. However, the statement gives the impression that the Southern Regional Council has played a major role as a relocation agency. This is not the case; we have counselled a few of the "DPs" and referred a few to appropriate religious organizations.

If the change wouldn't be too inconvenient, we should much prefer to revise one phrase, as follows: "....Since 1954, we have been in touch with at least a dozen ministers who lost....," etc. With that slight change, you may, if you wish, attribute the quotation to me. If it is too late for the revision to be made, the quotation should be attributed, as it was in the Wall Street Journal (and later New York Times) to an unnamed spokesman.

With kindest regards and good wishes for the forthcoming book, I am

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

via air mail April 21, 1960

Mr. Scott W. Cole
Director
Department of Research and Education
312 Armory Place
Louisville 2, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Cole:

I appreciate your invitation to speak at the Annual Kentucky Labor School, and regret that I can't accept because of prior commitments.

However, Paul Rilling, SRC's field director, is well equipped to discuss the subject you have scheduled. As far as I know, he is free on July 27. If you would like to invite him, I suggest you write him directly at this address.

In any case, every good wish for the success of the school, and best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 21, 1960

Mr. Ernest W. Kirk
The Hatch School
Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Kirk:

Your letter concerning "The Face of the South" has been referred to me. We do not distribute "The Face of the South," it is distributed through three different organizations. They are: The Anti-Defamation League, 41 Exchange Place, S. E., Atlanta, Georgia; the United Auto Workers Film Library, 8000 East Jefferson Avenue, Detroit, Michigan; and the Broadcasting and Film Commission of the National Council of the Churches in the United States of America, 200 Fifth Avenue, New York 1, New York.

Inquiries to these organizations concerning the use of the film would, I am sure, receive immediate attention.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

April 21, 1960

Mr. Henry J. Perkinson
Secondary Education
Kent State University
Kent, Ohio

Dear Mr. Perkinson:

Your letter concerning our "news service" has been referred to me.

We do not have a news service as such although we do issue news releases on our pamphlets and reports.

Enclosed is a copy of a descriptive folder on our monthly publication NEW SOUTH which also carries a condensation of many of our special reports.

Ordinarily, our news releases go only to the news media, but I would be glad to place your name on our list.

If we can be of additional aid, please write.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encl.

April 21, 1960

Mr. Glenn O. Carey
Assistant Professor
English Department
State University of New York
State Teachers College
Cortland, New York

Dear Mr. Carey:

Enclosed is a copy of our listing of materials plus a copy of our latest pamphlet "The South and the Nation." You will note that "Three Views of the Segregation Decision" is still available.

If we can be of additional help, please write.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encl.

April 21, 1960

Mr. Allan Carter
112 California Avenue
Providence 5, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Carter:

I was very happy to have your letter of April 8 and am sorry that I was delayed in replying.

The comments on the Southern Negro's status that you have quoted are familiar ways of evading moral responsibility for, and practical involvement in, the civil rights effort. You are quite right to be skeptical of such comfortable evasions.

These problems, wherever they exist, are indeed American problems. What happens in the South affects not only our international relations but also domestic affairs throughout the United States. For example, the Congressman and Senators elected in the South play a disproportionately large part in the passage of national legislation. The Southerners, white and Negro, who move in such large numbers to Northern and Western cities take with them the educational and cultural handicaps they acquire in the South. The economy and manpower of the United States -- so important to our competition with Soviet Russia for world leadership -- are heavily conditioned by the South's performance.

The best answer to the myth of the contented Negro is the sit-in protest itself; people happy with the status quo simply don't act that way. And no one who honestly examines this development can attribute it to "Northern agitators."

These are very brief and incomplete answers to your questions. Since I can't really do justice to them in a letter, I am sending you separately a few publications which deal with such questions in more detail.

Your concern and commitment in this field are qualities to be proud of, and I'm sure you won't let any of your critics persuade you otherwise. It is heartening to know that you, and others like you, are determined to play your part in promoting equal opportunity for all Americans.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures: Student Protest Report
Stallings Report
"An Appeal for Human Rights"

April 21, 1960

Mrs. Irene P. Abrams
44 West 10th Street
New York 11, New York

Dear Mrs. Abrams:

This is to thank you most warmly for your letter and to ask your pardon for this late answer, occasioned by a combination of illness and travel.

I am familiar enough with the racial situation in Northern cities to understand your feelings of frustration. It is one of our big problems in the South, I think, that the rest of the nation cannot approach our problems with more moral authority, because of the discriminations practiced there.

There are a good many organizations in New York that are actively concerned with the various phases of racial discrimination and segregation -- in housing, education, employment, and so on. I should think you would find it rewarding to learn more about such agencies and perhaps to become actively involved with one or more of them. Let me suggest, as a beginning, that you get in touch with the National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials (NAIRO), at 426 West 58th Street, Room 209, New York 19. NAIRO maintains a complete listing of intergroup relations organizations and would be glad, I am sure, to refer you to the principal ones in the New York area. In this way, at least you will find others who share your concern.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 21, 1960

Mrs. Helen Hill Miller
Box 3665
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Helen:

I'll be glad to see that you get the Sibley report and the Hooper decision post haste.

My piece ran in the New York Times Magazine of April 3. At Mr. Dabbs' instigation, we will have reprints in a few weeks, and I'll see that you get one.

I thought the Stokeleys' piece was well and usefully done.

My best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/sm

Green + original to P.P.

VIA AIR,

April 21, 1960

Mr. F. G. Holliman
c/o Carnegie Corporation of New York
589 Fifth Avenue
New York City, New York

Dear Mr. Holliman:

I shall be happy to see you when you visit Atlanta next month. There are a number of people whom you would find it interesting to talk with here. It might be best for us to help you arrange a schedule as the first order of business after your arrival.

Following is a name or two in each of the other Southern cities you are to visit:

Raleigh. Jonathan Daniels, editor, The News and Observer.

Tuskegee Institute. Dr. Luther Foster, President; Professor C. G. Gomillion; Professor Lewis Jones.

Birmingham. Robert Hughes, executive director, Alabama Council on Human Relations, Comer Building.

New Orleans. Dr. A. W. Dent, President, Dillard University; Mr. Irwin Schulman, regional office, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith; Father Louis J. Twomey, Loyola University.

Houston. James Noland, Houston Council of Churches, 9 Chelsea Place; Mr. Charles Shaw, President, Watchtower Life Insurance Company, 2206 Dowling Street; Mrs. James S. Crate, 8510 Ferris Street.

We can discuss your itinerary further when you are here. Meanwhile, every good wish.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/sm

April 22, 1960

Mr. Harold J. Gerberg
Burrelle's Press Clipping Bureau
165 Church Street
New York 7, New York

Dear Mr. Gerberg:

Please credit the enclosed clipping to our account, number 9649. It concerns the Southern Regional Council of the YWCA.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Luel E. Cummings
Secretary to Mr. John Constable

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Enclosure

April 22, 1960

Mr. George E. Barrett
Stahlman Building
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Barrett:

I am sending you, under separate cover, some material at the suggestion of Miss Louise Young.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

April 22, 1960

Miss Virginia Hill, Secretary
Audio-Visual Materials
American Friends Service Committee
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Miss Hill:

We do not distribute the film "The Face of the South." It is distributed for us by the Anti-Defamation League. The Southeastern regional office here in Atlanta informed us that you can obtain a copy through the ADL office at 225 South 15th Street, Philadelphia. If that office does not have a copy, they can secure one for you from the New York office.

If you have any trouble in securing a copy, please let me know; and I will ask the Atlanta office to send you one of their prints.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

April 22, 1960

Mr. Robert E. Hitchcock
Managing Director
Better Business Bureau of Winston-Salem, Inc.
806 Nissen Building
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Hitchcock:

Mr. Harry Jones is director of the North Carolina Council on Human Relations, and its address is 121 E. Third Street, Room 209, Charlotte, North Carolina. This is not a division of the Southern Regional Council although it was established by the Council. Several years ago the state groups became independent of the Southern Regional Council, however, we still work very closely with the state groups including the North Carolina Council.

Enclosed is some material concerning the Council plus a copy of our monthly magazine NEW SOUTH.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Enclosures - 3

April 22, 1960

Mr. George K. Hunton
Catholic Interracial Council
20 Vesey Street
New York 7, New York

Dear Mr. Hunton:

Mr. Fleming, who is out of the city, will be pleased to know that you found our new pamphlet, "The South and the Nation," of interest.

As you have requested, I am mailing separately fifty (50) copies for your use there at the Center. A bill will follow.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mildred Flowers
Secretary to the Director

MF

April 22, 1960

Mr. John Perry
Office of the Governor
State Capitol
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Mr. Perry:

Mr. Muse has sent us the enclosed account of the lunch counter situation in Winston-Salem as prepared by Mr. Sid Bost of the Twin City Sentinel. Since Mr. Fleming promised to send a copy to you as soon as we received it, I am doing so in his absence.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mildred Flowers
Secretary to the Director

MF/
Enclosure - 1.

Sid Bost
Twin City Sentinel
Winston-Salem, N. C.

Nobody laughed when Carl Matthews, a 28-year-old employee of a trucking firm, sat down at the S. H. Kress Co. lunch counter in Winston-Salem on the early afternoon of Monday, Feb. 8.

Matthews is a Negro, and his appearance signalled the spread of the Southern lunch counter protests to Winston-Salem.

Matthews' simple act caused consternation, not only in the store, but in ripples which soon spread to all areas of the city. The newspaper office buzzed with excitement and reporters and photographers were sent to the scene.

The radio stations broadcast the news that a Negro was sitting at a previously all-white lunch counter. The idly curious began to drop by to watch Matthews as he sat and smoked cigarettes. Police officers appeared on the scene.

After about an hour, he was served a cup of water. Later he was served a second cup. As the afternoon wore on, other Negroes joined him at the counter, which continued to serve white patrons.

Matthews said to a reporter, "We are not here to start any violence or any trouble."

The store reached its regular closing time without trouble and Matthews and his supporters went away.

The next day, a large group of Negroes appeared at the lunch counter at Walgreen's, a couple of blocks away from the Kress store where Matthews had sat the day before. The manager of Walgreen's promptly closed the counters "in the interest of public safety."

Thus began a war of nerves, a pattern of opening and closing the counters, which has continued in Winston-Salem for more than two months.

Since April 2, an unofficial truce has existed. A Goodwill Committee appointed by Mayor Marshall Kurfees asked that the variety store managers keep their lunch counters closed and that the Negro leaders of the sit-down demonstrators refrain from picketing the stores. This has been done.

Today, April 14, the Goodwill Committee met a second time. Its members ---- 10 white, 10 Negro ---- heard a report from a five-man subcommittee that has been meeting with store officials. The subcommittee indicated it would be able next week to make a recommendation that it felt the full committee could accept.

There is impatience within the committee. One of the Negro members, the Rev. Jerry Drayton, said at the April 14 meeting: "I don't quite understand why all the holdup. If we're going to desegregate, let's desegregate."

Mayor Kurfees gave a hint of the recommendation the subcommittee is expected to make by saying, "If our solution is acceptable to the store managers, I hope there won't be a wholesale rush to those counters ... you know what I'm talking about."

Drayton replied, "There never has been in any area that was desegregated...the buses, for instance."

Most of the members of the Goodwill Committee expressed the feeling, one way or another, that if lunch counters could be desegregated successfully anywhere in North Carolina, Winston-Salem is the place.

At its first meeting, April 2, the committee received a report from a Wake Forest College professor, Dr. Clarence H. Patrick, based on a survey conducted by him and some of his students, which indicated many white customers of the stores are ready to accept desegregated service at the counters.

During the two months between the time Matthews began the sit-down protest and the formation of the Goodwill Committee, there was only one break in the store pattern of closing up whenever a Negro sat down for service.

At a hardware store where there is a small lunch counter, the demonstrators were served the first time they showed up. The management then promptly took out all the stools and announced that henceforth everyone would be served on a standup basis.

The Negroes confined their sit-down attempts to stores that normally serve them in other departments. There has been no effort to get service at all-white restaurants.

Five days after Matthews began the whole thing, he and other leaders of what had then become a large group of protestors, composed primarily of Negro students at Winston-Salem Teachers College, asked the mayor to call a meeting of them and store officials to try to work out a solution. But the mayor replied that he did not intend to take action at that time, that future policy should be decided by the store officials themselves.

On Feb. 22, Matthews warned that the demonstrations would continue until an agreement was reached.

And the next day, 22 persons ---- 10 white, 12 Negro ---- were arrested on charges of trespassing at a local Woolworth store. The 10 whites were students at Wake Forest College, and nine of the 12 Negroes were students at Winston-Salem Teachers College. Of the other three, one was Matthews. The white students had turned out to support the Negroes in their efforts.

On Feb. 24, trial of the 22 was continued in Municipal Court to a later date.

On March 2, Judge Leroy Sams convicted the 22 and "suspended judgment straight" (imposed no penalty).

The next day, after some of the defendants had given notice of appeal to Forsyth County Superior Court, Sams changed the judgments to "prayer for judgment continued for a period of 12 months." His action had the effect of blocking, or at least postponing, the appeals, since [redacted] technically he has not yet passed judgment.

On May 7, 75 placard-carrying, song-singing Negro students marched to city hall and held a brief prayer service on the front lawn. The police chief warned that another such demonstration would bring arrests on charges of staging a parade without a permit.

Meanwhile support for the demonstrators began building up. The Twin City Sentinel, the town's afternoon newspaper, came out editorially with the stand that when the counters are reopened, they should be on a desegregated basis.

On March 15, a group of 60 members of the Wake Forest College faculty asked that managers of five Winston-Salem stores (the five most often affected by the demonstrations) open their lunch counters to all customers, regardless of race.

On March 25, Dr. Pátrick, chairman of the Wake Forest College Dept. of Sociology, announced he was supervising a survey in downtown variety stores to see how many white customers would be willing to eat at desegregated lunch counters.

On Saturday, April 2, the Mayor's Goodwill Committee met for the first time and heard Dr. Patrick read his report. At first the committee seemed headed for a recommendation that the lunch counters be opened on a desegmegated basis, but later voted to take no action and meet again within a week. (See Patrick report).

The week passed and the committee was not called back together. Twelve days later ---- today, April 14 ---- the mayor did call the committee together to hear the progress report from its subcommittee. The mayor said the subcommittee was doing a great deal of work behind the scenes.

The Negro members of the committee seemed satisfied with the mayor's assurance that "progress is being made." One of them, the Rev. D. R. Hedeley, vice president of the city's inter-racial ministerial group, said, "As long as progress is being made, I can wait."

Sid Bost
Twin City Sentinel
Winston-Salem, N. C.

April 25, 1960

Mr. Harold J. Gerberg
Burrelle's Press Clipping Bureau
165 Church Street
New York 7, New York

Dear Mr. Gerberg:

Please credit the enclosed clippings to our account, number 9649. They concern the Southern Regional Council Meeting of the Jewish War Veterans.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Lucl E. Cummings
Secretary to Mr. Constable

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Enclosures - 2

April 26, 1960

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
Executive Vice President
The Field Foundation, Inc.
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Hahn:

On behalf of the Southern Regional Council and of the independent state councils on human relations, this is to express the most sincere appreciation to the Field Foundation for its grant of $25,000 just approved.

This will also acknowledge the Foundation's check for $12,500, transmitted by your letter of April 22 in payment of half of the grant for the twelve-month period beginning May 1, 1960.

We have taken careful note of the terms of the grant as set forth in your letter of April 22. They are, of course, entirely satisfactory to the Southern Regional Council and will be complied with in every respect. I will keep you informed of the distributions made from this grant, the bases on which they are determined, and the program performance which they make possible, You will be hearing from me shortly about possible dates of a New York visit. Meanwhile, with gratitude and kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1. (Official receipt)

Same ltr. to Mr. E. T. Kehrer - ILGWU

April 26, 1960

Dr. Stephen Wright
President
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Wright:

At the last meeting of the Executive Committee it was voted to ask you to serve on the Nominating Committee for 1960. This Committee is charged with bringing in nominations for officers and Board vacancies at the next annual meeting. The staff solicits suggestions from all Members and has a list of possible candidates for the Committee, which will meet one time in the fall.

The second person named was Mr. E. T. Kehrer of Atlanta, and the members appointed at the annual meeting were Miss Dorcas Ruthenburg, Dr. Raymond Wheeler, and Mr. Thomas Young.

The Nominating Committee of the Council always has a particularly valuable service to perform, and I hope you will write me that we can count on your service.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL April 26, 1960

Dr. Prynce Hopkins
Chairman
Hopkins Charitable Fund
1920 Garden Street
Santa Barbara, California

Dear Dr. Hopkins:

On behalf of the Southern Regional Council, I acknowledge most gratefully your letter of April 13 informing us of the Hopkins Charitable Fund's grant of $1,000.

This is welcome assistance, indeed, and we shall keep you informed of the program efforts that it will make possible during the course of the year.

Let me add that I hope it will sometime be possible for me to meet you and express personally our appreciation of your interest in the Council's work. If you or other trustees of the Fund should ever get this far South, you are cordially invited to visit us. Meanwhile, our sincere good wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Bc (w/Rice's ltr of Apr. 19, 1960) to Irving Carlyle

via air mail April 26, 1960

Mr. Leon L. Rice, Jr.
Secretary
Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation
Box 199
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Rice:

Thank you for your acknowledgement of the Southern Regional Council's application.

In view of the fact that it cannot be considered before late December, I hope it will be possible for it to be docketed as a request for assistance in 1961. If this is satisfactory, I will submit a supplementary statement by December 1 -- or such other date as you might prefer -- taking into account interim developments in the program and finances of the Council, and in the South generally.

We are grateful for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

via air mail April 26, 1960

Mr. Milton C. Rose
Secretary
William C. Whitney Foundation
20 Broad Street
New York 5, New York

Dear Mr. Rose:

Thank you so much for your letter of April 20 advising us of the William C. Whitney Foundation's approval of a $5,000 grant for the work of the Council in 1960. We are deeply grateful to the Directors for this continuing support.

Payment of the grant in equal instalments in July and October will be quite satisfactory to us.

I will, of course, see that you receive periodic reports on the Council's work and will render a full accounting of program and finances after the end of the year.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Enclosures:
- HCF ltr. of June 28, 1957 to Thomas WAring
- Editorial "SRC and Red Records" from News and Courier
- McCarthyism Under the Magnolias
- Congressional Record Reprint - Julyu26, 1957"Origins of SRC"

April 26, 1960

Rev. Roy DeLamotte
Box 11
Louisville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. DeLamotte:

We are pleased to enclose materials which should help you effectively refute any arguments concerning the Southern Regional Council having any connection with Communism.

The Council has never been cited as being Communist. This fact could be verified by anyone who would care to write the Justice Department, the Attorney General, or any other source within the Federal government;

If this issue becomes an important one, we will be happy to supply you with additional material addressed to any particular argument raised.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures

April 26, 1960

Mr. Marion A. Wright
Top Knot
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

A single has been reserved for you at the Piedmont for the night of May 2.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

April 26, 1960

Mr. Ira Stephen Kry
Graduate Assistant
Panel Of Americans
33 East 68th Street
New York 21, New York

Dear Mr. Kry:

Thank you for your letter concerning materials of the Southern Regional Council. We are mailing you, under separate cover, a variety of things which may be of interest to you.

Please let us know if we can be of additional aid.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec

April 26, 1960

Mr. C. Johnson
739 Newton Pl. N.W.
Washington 10, D. C.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

In answer to your inquiry regarding our monthly publication NEW SOUTH, the title was formerly SOUTHERN FRONTIER.

We are enclosing the Congressional Record which will give you information about our organization.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/bcc
Encl.

via air mail April 26, 1960

Mr. Harold R. Tyler, Jr.
Special Assistant to the
Attorney General
Office of the Attorney General
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Tyler:

I am glad to send you, at last, the enclosed field report on the status of Negroes with respect to voter registration in McCormick County, South Carolina, prepared by Dean B. R. Brazeal of Morehouse College. As you will see, the means used to discourage Negro registration there are subtle and indirect, and there have been no recent instances of outright denial of registration. If we hear of such developments later, I will of course let you know.

Also enclosed is a list of the executives of state Negro teacher associations in the South. As a rule, these men are extremely well informed of racial conditions throughout their respective states.

Finally, Mr. Lucius Pitts of the Georgia Teachers and Education Association has expressed to me his willingness to make an early visit to Washington and to meet with you and members of your staff. I believe you would find such a discussion rewarding.

Mr. Pitts could make the trip on one of these dates: May 10 through 12, May 17, or May 19. If none of these is convenient for you, please let me know what later dates would be satisfactory and we will work out the arrangements with Mr. Pitts.

Cordially yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P. S. -- We have followed with interest newspaper reports of the Department's inquiries in several Georgia counties.

Bc: Lucius Pitts

April 26, 1960

Via Air Mail

Mr. Robert Taggart Hall
2500 "Q" Street, N. W.
Washington 7, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hall:

A number of organisations are coordinating the channeling of financial support for the sit-in situation. We do not feel it would be any particular contribution for us to become yet another such channel.

The major groups which are raising funds for the purpose you have in mind would include:

the National Student Association
3457 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania

National Student Christian Federation
475 Riverside Drive
New York 27, New York

Congress of Racial Equality
38 Park Row
New York 38, New York

N.A.A.C.P.
859½ Hunter Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Southern Christian Leadership Conference
208 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

and a bewildering variety of local and special purpose committees.

A number of these organizations are using the funds raised only for bail, for scholarship assistance, or what have you. The only organisation which I can discover that seems to be spending funds directly for legal counsel so far is the N.A.A.C.P. and its various branches. Inasmuch as legal defense costs seem to be the most major need at the moment, I would suggest that you might channel some funds in care of Mrs. Ruby Hurley, Southeastern Director of the N.A.A.C.P. Checks could be made out directly to the organisation, to cash, or to Mrs. Hurley. She would in any case render an accounting of the funds.

This is only a suggestion and I am sure that funds sent to any of the above established organisations could find their way into support activities. I have noted, however, that several of those organisations are not free to spend these funds in payment of legal fees.

If we can be of any further help in this, be sure and let us know. One thing is certain, financial assistance is definitely needed.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

April 27, 1960

Mr. Curt Gans
National Student Association
3457 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Curt:

Your Conference went well and I am glad that I could be there. I felt that the interaction of the students in the discussion groups was especially good and should ultimately aid "the cause"!

Following is an account of my expenses for the weekend. Since I used SRC credit cards, would you simply make the check payable to the Council.

plane ticket - Charleston, S.C. to Washington	$31.15
pullman ticket - Washington to Atlanta (receipt enclosed)	43.99
transportation to and from airport, train station, etc.	3.00
cabs in Washington	7.00
food	8.70
Total	$93.84

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

P. S. Give my warmest personal regards to your able staff colleague, Angie.

April 27, 1960

Mr. Nat Griswold
Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

This will acknowledge with appreciation your recently quarterly report. You will be interested to know that the use you made of John Wheeler in Little Rock has provoked widespread interest and there are plans in Virginia and elsewhere to try to involve him in a similar fashion.

The Ministerial Fellowship in Pine Bluff seems to be playing a very constructive role in the potentially explosive community. The Arkansas Council should feel proud of this particular contribution.

We are trying to study and analyse here the effectiveness of the recent fad in favor of appointing official biracial committees on a temporary or permanent basis to deal with the challenge posed by sit-in demonstrations. Let me know of any efforts in this direction in Arkansas and whether or not you see them as useful.

I enjoyed participating in the Committee of the Future meeting. Let me know how plans develop toward implementation of these ideas.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

April 27, 1960

The Rev. William Williams
Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
4241 S. W. 109 Court
Miami, Florida

Dear Bill:

This will belatedly acknowledge your recent quarterly program report. We were naturally pleased to hear about your continued successes in the area of finances and about the imminent affiliation of the Pensacola group as an official unit of the Florida Council. How many officially affiliated groups are there now?

I am glad that you are in touch with the people working on the Governor's committee. Keep us informed as to how many communities are setting up local biracial committees and any specific results of success or failure that you come across.

I hope that you are coming along with plans for the religious leaders' conference. I remember that you and I both thought that this meeting had real possibilities.

Your recent letter indicating action taken at the FCHR Executive Committee meeting was helpful and encouraging. We now feel prepared to move with our own executive committee as indicated in one of my recent letters to you.

I will be in Virginia, Mississippi, South Carolina and Alabama during the next two weeks, but no trips that can justify an incidental foray into the Sunshine State.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

April 27, 1960

The Rev. William Williams
Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
4241 S. W. 109 Court
Miami, Florida

Dear Bill:

I am sending on the enclosed letter for your confidential information. Mr. Eddy has aided the Florida Council now for two years and would probably be worth some special cultivation. Okay?

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm
Enc.

April 27, 1960

Miss Louise Young
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2001 Division Street
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Miss Young:

Harry Jones has asked us for 50 copies of "A Report On Nashville." If you have them to spare, could you send them directly to Harry at the North Carolina Council.

Thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec

PLACED ON JC'S ALL-PURPOSE LIST

April 27, 1960

Mr. David Eddy
1329 Essex Road
Winter Park, Florida

Dear David:

Many thanks for your kind letter of April 23, and for your generous contribution to be shared by the Florida and Alabama Councils on Human Relations. The net proceeds from the share of IBM stock came to $454.62, or $227.31 for each council.

While it is hoped that local councils will be active and close to the members, the Florida Council is the parent body where primary membership lodges. Thus the state council should be in continuing touch with its members. The fact that it hasn't in your case may be explained by the financial crisis that has absorbed the Florida Council's leadership in recent months; the situation is much improved now, and I trust communication will be also.

Speaking of communication, I am not sure that you are receiving all of the material that emanates from SRC (a formidable amount!) and am asking the appropriate staff members to make sure that you do.

My very best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1. (Official receipt)

April 27, 1960

Mr. Harry Jones
Executive Director
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 E. Third Street, Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

We only received a few copies of "A Report On Nashville," but I have written Miss Louise Young asking her to send you the 50 copies you ordered.

Thanks for the good comment concerning the NEW SOUTH article, and I am sending you the requested copies under separate cover.

With very best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

April 27, 1960

Mr. Daniel Bowers
Executive Director
Virginia Council on Human Relations
216-C Broad-Grace Arcade
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Dan:

My calendar is blighted with travel and meetings through May 21. But from Monday, May 22, to the end of the month I could be available almost any time that's convenient for you. Let me know what suits you, and I will set the time aside.

Ralph Rose's comments sound encouraging. By all means, get as much of his advice and/or assistance as possible. I fully agree that Washington ought to be a happy hunting ground, given the help of someone who knows the terrain and esteems the Virginia Council.

I will expect to hear from you, and will look forward to seeing you in late May.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 27, 1960

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

Enclosed is a proposed agenda for the Executive Committee meeting of May 3rd, for your approval.

We will, of course, be happy to make any changes you feel necessary. Otherwise, no acknowledgment is necessary.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1.

PROPOSED AGENDA

Executive Committee Meeting
May 3, 1960

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Staff on Call

10:00 a.m.

Invocation

Adoption of Agenda

Report of Personnel Committee and Consideration of Staff Retirement Program

Other Business for Executive Session

GENERAL SESSION

Report of the Executive Director

Financial Reports

- Income and Expenses - Mrs. Alexander
- Budget Analysis - Mr. Anthony
- New Grants and Fund Prospects - Mr. Fleming

Review of Internal Revenue Rulings - Mr. Fleming

Report on State Councils - Mr. Rilling

Consideration of Time and Length of Future Committee Meetings

Discussion of Program Emphasis in Light of Recent Developments

Other Business

Adjournment

NOTE: Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. or thereabout, at the conveniences of the Committee.

April 27, 1960

Mrs. Jane Lee Eddy
The Taconic Foundation
666 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Jane Lee:

Here is another copy of the proposal for a Mississippi missionary project, to be manned by Gene Cox. Now that you've been exposed to some palaver about the needs of this dismal area, I'd appreciate your candid reaction to this proposed approach.

As I told you the other day, we've got a bad conscience about Mississippi and rural Louisiana, and so would be willing to put a proportionate share of state aid funds into this kind of hand-holding effort, if the rest of the budget could be found.

I hope your Champagne Flight to New York was as pleasant as the one from Savannah to Atlanta. Harry sounded relieved to hear it was Idlewild rather than Newark.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

April 27, 1960

Miss Florence S. Stern
Field Representative
Southern Interstate Region
National Council of Jewish Women
1 West 47th Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Miss Stern:

As you requested in your letter of April 21, we are changing our records so that all of our interagency mailings will reach you.

When and if you get to Atlanta, I hope you will pay us a visit. Meanwhile, all good wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 27, 1960

Mr. A. E. Cox
Delta Foundation, Inc.
933 Chambliss Road
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Gene:

Enclosed is the original prospectus that you prepared, as well as a copy of the briefer, edited version which I sent to the Taconic Foundation. I am also sending a copy of the latter to Will Campbell.

I raised the matter with Jane Lee Eddy on the way to Savannah and found, as I had suspected, that the proposal had been lost in the shuffle. I am sending her another copy of the brief version (with budget), in the hope that her exposure to the "hard core" discussion will give it a greater claim on her attention. Anyway, I will keep pushing until we get a definite "yes" or "no".

I'll look forward to seeing you at the next Penn clambake.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 2.

via air mail April 27, 1960

Mr. Henry Putzel, Jr., Chief
Voting and Elections Section
Civil Rights Division
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Putzel:

Our information on the requirement of "vouchers" in Alabama is, I am afraid, both dated and imprecise. The statement in The Negro Voter in the South was based on field reports gathered during our survey of 1956. The Alabama consultant sent a questionnaire to one or more local Negro leaders in each county. The information tabulated on the attached sheet was taken from these questionnaires, as completed, but we made no effort to verify the reports or to clarify seeming inconsistencies.

I am also enclosing a memorandum from our research director explaining the limitations of these data.

I hope this information will at least provide a few useful leads.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure -

April 27, 1960

Via Air Mail

Mr. John Yungblut
American Friends Service Committee
1608 Government Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear John:

We have been asked by the Civil Rights Commission to suggest some additional persons in Louisiana for membership in the Louisiana Advisory Committee. Dr. Rufus Harris of Tulane University has left the state and I believe they wish to fill his position and probably one or two others. They are primarily interested in new white members.

We would appreciate any thoughts you have on this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

April 27, 1960

Miss Barbara Moffett
American Friends Service Committee
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Barbara:

If possible, could you send me your points for future action in Little Rock that were contained in Thelma Babbitt's report so that I may include them in the minutes of the Interagency Meeting.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

April 27, 1960

Via Air Mail

Mr. A. E. Cox
Delta Foundation
933 Chambliss Road
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Gene:

I will be arriving in Jackson via Delta Flight #415 Tuesday at 9:27 p.m. I can stay until Friday evening at 8:50. I will leave the choice and scheduling of appointments up to you, but would be happy to see any or all of the following people: Bishop Brunini, Rabbi Mantinband, Hodding Carter, P. D. East, Hazel Brannon Smith, Mrs. Ruby Lyles, and Mrs. James Burt.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

April 27, 1960

Via Air Mail

Mr. Gerald Spiedel
2666 Jefferson Park Circle
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Gerry:

The HOPE organization (Help Our Public Education) here is having a workshop on maintaining public education in Georgia on Saturday, May 14. The workshop will be held here at the Dinkler-Plaza Hotel and a number of civic and religious groups will be involved as co-sponsors. As you probably know, HOPE is trying to play the role that the Virginia Committee for Public Schools played in Virginia not so long ago.

They have asked me to try to secure someone from Virginia who had knowledge of the operation of the segregated private school set-up there. They are particularly interested in Charlottesville, in the wake of the recent blow-up there. Naturally I thought of you. If you could come over for the day, you would not be formally speaking or anything like that, but simply sitting in on the discussion group considering private school alternatives as an experienced and informed resource person.

You would attend simply as a guest of HOPE and no one would know that in due course you would receive reimbursement of your expenses and a $40 consultant service fee from the Southern Regional Council.

It looks like a good show and I hope that you can be with us for the occasion.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

April 27, 1960

Mr. Charles Shaw
President
Watchtower Life Insurance Company
P. O. Box 2097
Houston 1, Texas

Dear Mr. Shaw:

We are happy to add Mrs. E. Pliny Shaw to the Council's general mailing list, as requested in your letter of April 19.

May I take this opportunity to ask a further favor of you? As I wrote Mrs. Rayzor recently, we have never had from Bishop Hines a response to our official invitation to membership on the Council. Recalling his advance assurance to you and Mrs. Rayzor, I am sure that this is merely an oversight; but we cannot enroll him as a member without a word of acceptance after the election was held. Anything you and Mrs. Rayzor might do to resolve this problem for us will, as always, be greatly appreciated.

With cordial good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 27, 1960

Mr. Sid Bost
Twin City Sentinel
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Bost:

This is to express our appreciation for the helpful account of the lunch-counter situation in Winston-Salem which you were kind enough to do for us.

I hope you will accept the small honorarium enclosed as a token of our thanks for your time and effort on this.

Please convey our thanks and regards also to Mr. Campbell.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1. (Check #1495; $35.00)

cc: Mr. Benjamin Muse

April 28, 1960

Dr. W. C. Cowart
Executive Director
Georgia Council on Human Relations
63 Auburn Avenue, Room 424
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Cowart:

This will belatedly acknowledge with thanks your recent quarterly report to us. We are particularly gratified about the increasingly sound financial position of the Georgia Council.

How have your plans progressed for working on some additional television programs and for seeking assistance from some of the family foundations in Georgia?

Do we have much constituency in Savannah? I have been wondering whether some of us shouldn't go down there and see whether there is any contribution we can make in this very troubled atmosphere.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

April 28, 1960

Mr. Harry Jones
Executive Director
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 East Third Street, Room 209
Charlotte , North Carolina

Dear Harry:

This will belatedly acknowledge your recent quarterly report to us.

I noted sadly that my blooper at the monthly forum in Charlotte had been picked up by at least three widely scattered papers. Good speeches never attract this much notice.

Any information concerning the legal interpretation of the sit-in situation would be helpful. If any kind of report or minutes came out of the legal committee meeting you reported we would appreciate them. Someone told me that the AFSC has such an analysis by Dan Pollett. If so, could you get us several copies?

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

April 28, 1960

The Rev. James Noland
Greater Houston Council of Churches
9 Chelsea Place
Houston, Texas

Dear Jim:

How are things going with the Houston Council? I have noted the clippings concerning rapidly emerging developments in your area and have often thought of you and wondered how the organization and you are developing.

Let us know if we should be taking any support action that would be helpful to you.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

April 28, 1960

Mr. Vernon Eagle
Executive Director
New World Foundation
475 Riverside Drive
New York, New York

Dear Vernon:

You requested a report of the recent NSA Conference in Washington, so I am sending on a memorandum on the meeting that I drafted for Harold. Let me know if you need different or additional information or evaluation.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm
Enc.

April 28, 1960

Via Air Mail

Mr. George Campbell
Director
University of Alabama Center
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear George:

They tell me you are in Birmingham now. I will be passing through your fair city Saturday, May 7. Any chance of getting together Saturday afternoon or evening? It would be good to see you and yours again and to learn how you have been doing the past three or four years.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

April 28, 1960

Mr. Scott W. Cole, Director
Department of Research and Education
AFL - CIO
312 Armory Place
Louisville 2, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Cole:

I would be very happy to speak at your Labor School on the topic "Race and Community Relations in the South" on July 27th.

I will look forward to having further information from you about the School.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

April 28, 1960

Miss Louise Young
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2001 Division Street
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Louise:

This will belatedly acknowledge our receipt of your recent quarterly report. We particularly appreciated the full audit that you enclosed. We need this kind of complete information at least once a year.

You undoubtedly have noticed by now as I have that the Westfeldt analysis of Nashville has received wide attention and some imitation in other communities. This proved to be an important contribution.

The news about the Memphis local chapter is heartening. I spoke with Gene Cox about it briefly during the recent Penn meeting and he seems quite hopeful as do you.

I enjoyed meeting with you and attending the Nashville Community Relations meeting during my recent trip. I was rather surprised in a very pleasant way to learn how well the Tennessee Council is doing financially.

I hope that you and Jim Glass are proceeding with steps concerning a possible successor in the directorship. It occurred to me that your committee might want to look at several other experienced persons in Tennessee. I was thinking here of Gene Cox, of Galen Martin, and of Jean Russell. I doubt that Gene would be interested and you quite possibly do not feel that Galen's method of operation would be particularly suitable to the Tennessee Council. Jean Russell as a housewife would involve some difficulties concerning her office location. She is, however, well known in Tennessee and experienced in the human relations field with the Northern Presbyterian Church and through other channels such as the Tennessee Council itself. I think she might be a very acceptable choice if her time and residence could be adjusted to the needs of the Council. What do you think?

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

April 28, 1960

Mr. C. R. Yates
Yates and Milton Stores
228 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Yates:

This is to thank you for sharing with me your statement to the Grand Jury. It is a concise and effective presentation of some of the needs that Atlanta's leadership has been prone to ignore.

It is encouraging to see the Grand Jury actively seeking the views of all segments of Atlanta's population. And it is fortunate that there are able spokesmen like yourself who are prepared to respond to these opportunities.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:mf

via air mail April 28, 1960

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
Executive Vice President
The Field Foundation, Inc.
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Max:

Your query about prospective visits to New York comes at a good time. I do need to get back to New York during the last half of May but haven't yet set any dates; therefore, perhaps I could pick a time most likely to be convenient to some of your people.

I could be available any day, and any time of day, between May 18 and May 31, with the sole exception of Friday May 20.

I realize your problem in assembling these busy people. Don't feel you will inconvenience me if a planned meeting later falls through. In such an event, all I would require is notice a day or two in advance.

Needless to say, I would welcome a chance for such a discussion with you and some of the other members of the Board.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

via air mail April 28, 1960

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Failte Bhlath
Glencoe, Argyll
Scotland

Dear George:

Many thanks for your note, and for the kind words about my New York Times piece.

I'm afraid Josephine speaks for more than herself when she confesses to being a poor correspondent. Certainly I fall far short of my intentions to send you and Alice an occasional word of the non-official goings-on here.

At the moment, we're all nursing hopes that you two will be back in Atlanta soon, at least for a time. The reports -- which I haven't been able yet to get fully confirmed -- are that you will put in a teaching year at Spelman. Is this the straight dope? If so, it is deeply pleasing. And I forthwith urge you to set aside SRC's annual meeting day, expected to be November 9.

We are happy for Ellen, and even more so for her prospective husband. She sounds like a chip off the old black (and he a fitting son-in-law) on the refusal to conform to Pisky ritual requirement. Does the young man's place of origin mean that they will live in Africa? Not South Africa, I hope.

Frank Loescher has been in S. A. for some weeks -- arrived shortly before the shooting broke out. I'm anxious to see him on his return, which should be presently, and hear his account of the convulsion there. Reading about it makes me thankful that SRC is here instead of there. We're getting more foreign visitors than ever, and a fair number of them are from that troubled land -- whites, non-whites, Englishers and Afrikaners. They all envy us our troubles.

I'm poor at recalling the personal items that you-all would find particularly interesting. But it occurs to me to wonder whether you've heard about John Griffin's move to Florida State University, where he heads up promotion and public relations. The man who sought him out for that important job -- FSU President Strozier -- recently died, which I expect hit John pretty hard. But, with luck, the successor will be a decent guy, too.

The staff has suffered no major change since I last wrote you. There were some anxious and difficult weeks for Mrs. Tilly not long ago, when Mr. Tilly went through a critical operation and touch-and-go convalescence. But he seems to have come back astonishingly well.

Jane and the boys are fine. Our domestic focus, like yours, continues to be getting hearth and home molded to the heart's desire. I must admit that Jane's zest for yard work exceeds mine, but that's nothing new. She raises plants and I raise money; a fair division of labor, I guess.

SRC is busier than ever; Parkinson's Law at work. The sit-in protest movement has generated all kinds of new interest, problems, and demands.

I run into friends of yours constantly,and the inquiries about your well-being and current pursuits continue undiminished. So you and Alice may expect to be in lively demand when you get back to Atlanta.

My best, as always,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

via air mail　　　　　April 28, 1960

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
Executive Director
New World Foundation
475 Riverside Drive
New York, New York

Dear Vernon:

With embarrassment for the delay, here is a run-down on expenditures to date from the Contingency Fund. Late though it is, I hope it is in time to arm you with the information you might need.

One general comment: We have probably been overly inhibited by our sense of stewardship -- despite your reassurances -- and have used these funds too sparingly. We have also tried, with considerable success, to make these "pump-priming" allocations. However, the sit-ins and attendant developments have generated new needs and new activity. I anticipate that the legitimate demands on the Contingency Fund will be more and greater in the next few months. But more of that later.

(1) Through the Virginia Council on Human Relations, $500 for the interim educational needs of displaced pupils in Front Royal (Warren County), Virginia. This was the first significant amount contributed, beginning a fund which became large enough to take care of all the affected children as tuition pupils in the Washington, D. C., school system.

(2) Through the Georgia Council of Churches, $120 for reproduction of the Atlanta Ministers' Manifesto.

Again, these funds were used to draw out money from a variety of agencies for the reprinting and distribution of the Manifesto. As you know, this is now a historic statement, which stimulated ministers throughout the South to speak out for desegregation. It is likely that, without the modest Contingency aid, the Manifesto would not have been reprinted and would have lost much of its impact.

(3) Through the Georgia Council on Human Relations, $1,020 for a series of three television programs featuring School Superintendents Fischer of Baltimore, Hansen of Washington, and Carmichael of Louisville. Prominent Atlanta leaders interviewed the superintendents on their experience with integration; the programs were well publicized; and the superintendents consulted privately with Atlanta educators and other key people. Transcripts of two of the telecasts have been widely distributed by SRC and other organizations. This was the first time local television had been used for community education on the workability and success of school integration.

(4) Through the United Liberal Church of Atlanta, $1,000, and the Unitarian Church of Norfolk, $500, for programs of community education on the importance of preserving public schools. Each of these churches includes much of the liberal and active leadership in its community, and provides a rallying point for desegregation efforts locally.

(5) Through the Delta Foundation (a non-profit educational agency, not a grant-making foundation), $425 to make possible field work in Mississippi by A. E. Cox, who we hope will become a full-time field man in that neglected area of the South.

(6) Through the Virginia Council on Human Relations, $150 for assistance to the Prince Edward County Christian Association, the local organization serving the needs of Negroes in this closed-school area.

(7) During 1959, some of the ablest people in the Atlanta League of Women Voters prepared an objective analysis of the Federal and state laws and court decisions affecting the public school situation in Atlanta. This document was for the use of, and was subsequently used by, a variety of groups and individual leaders in the community. The printing of it -- $196.52 from the Contingency Fund -- seemed to us an important community service.

(8) Through the Community Educational Service of Emory University, $186.95 for the publication and distribution of "The Economic Effects of School Closing," by Jim Montgomery, business editor of the Atlanta Constitution. This was the first major treatment by a business analyst of the economic stake in continued public education. It would not have been published without the Contingency aid.

(9) Through the Episcopal Society for Racial and Cultural Unity, $200 for travel of Deep South ministers to the organizing conference at Raleigh, which otherwise they could not have attended.

(10) Through Oberlin College, $50 to make it possible for a white and Negro student from the deep South to interpret the Georgia situation on the Oberlin campus. Ralph McGill contributed the remainder of the needed funds.

(11) For Mrs. M. L. Smith, a prominent church woman of Montgomery, Alabama, for travel to a national meeting of church women on social action. Mrs. Smith has been active in SRC's Fellowship of the Concerned, and travel aid for her was requested by the United Church Women.

(12) $234.12 for reprinting 10,000 copies of "The Agony of the Southern Minister" by Ralph McGill in the New York Times Magazine. These were distributed by Will Campbell to ministers and laymen throughout the South. Campbell's budget could not bear the cost of printing, but did meet postage and mailing costs.

(13) Through the United Church Women of Georgia, $37.60 toward the printing of a popular leaflet on the preservation of the public schools.

(14) Through the Atlanta Committee for Cooperative Action -- a group of young Negro business and professional men -- $400 toward publication of "A Second Look: The Negro Citizen in Atlanta." This was a notable statement of inequalities in Atlanta and has had a major impact, not only here but elsewhere. It was quoted at length in the Atlanta students' "Appeal for Human Rights" run as a full-page advertisement in the daily newspapers. We understand it is being emulated by Negro leaders in other Southern communities, as a public agenda for corrective action in race relations.

Total disbursements, $5,142.95; balance on hand, $4,857.05

You have received routinely most, if not all, of the publications described above. But I am sending copies separately, so that you will have them for ready reference.

My best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Separate mailing:

Hansen/Carmichael transcripts
ACCA Pamphlet
"The Economic Effect of School Closing," Montgomery
"Do You Know the Law About Schools?" League of Women Voters
'Out of Conviction' - 2nd Ministers' statement
"The Agony of the Southern Minister," McGill reprint

April 28, 1960

The Rev. Dan Bowers
Executive Director
Virginia Council on Human Relations
216-C Broad-Grace Arcade Building
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Dan:

This will belatedly acknowledge your recent quarterly report to this office.

I was glad to note that you are cooperating with ADL in a Lynchburg workshop. Bill Williams has done a lot of this kind of interagency workshop business in Florida and feels that it pays off.

Let me know if Virginia communities are having any experience constructive or otherwise with official local interracial committees. Keep me up to date too on what happened to the tangled mess that seemed to exist in Richmond during my last visit there.

I seem to vaguely remember that we discussed my attempting to help you get a speaker to do your annual fall junket. Did we agree on John Wheeler? Am I supposed to be contacting him? If so, will do.

I look forward to seeing you soon and to taking part in the Ministers' Workshops. If there is any special preperation or planning I should do for this, say so.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

April 28, 1960

Miss Thelma Babbitt
American Friends Service Committee
1618 Maryland
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Miss Babbitt:

At the request of Miss Fairfax, I am sending you the address of the Stokelys. You may write them as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. James Stokely
405 Clifton Heights
Newport, Tennessee

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mildred Flowers
Secretary to the Director

MF

April 28, 1960

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
Room 605, 1400 Main Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

This will belatedly acknowledge your recent quarterly report which we found most helpful and encouraging. I am glad that the Columbia student group is moving along nicely and do hope I can meet with it sometime. Perhaps the Rock Hill student group can pick up a little steam with the beginning of the fall semester.

The Negro college seminar is in progress even now and I do hope that it proves to be useful and worth your organizational efforts.

I have been rather worried about the long-range impact of the sit-in demonstrations in the hard core states. I am encouraged by your information that the Council generally has responded well in the various localities without any excessive loss of white support or membership.

The word of a reprimand to Major Williams concerning the activities of his wife in behalf of equal justice is rather shocking. Be sure and let us know if anything specifically is done along this line. I believe that all kinds of representations up the line would be possible in such a case.

You indicate that you have located a number of young veterans and others over 21 who are interested in the voting and registration campaign. Is it your plan to use this manpower in such an effort?

Congratulations on the recent favorable action of the Field Foundation concerning your application. This should make it possible for you to expand your efforts in several constructive directions.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

April 28, 1960

Mr. John Sweet
505 Bryn Mawr, S. E.
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Sweet:

In answer to your request, we are enclosing a listing of our materials. Please indicate which ones would be of interest to you.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec
Enclosure

9 + original to Hef.

via air mail April 28, 1960

Mr. John G. Feild
Legislative Secretary to
Senator Hart
United States Senate
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear John:

Thanks for your letter and the copy of the Regional Conference program. I hope somebody caught Southern Regional Conference and changed it to Council before the program went to press; but, if not, the skies won't fall in.

I have arranged to get into Washington during the afternoon of May 5, and so will be available for the evening's activities. Unless I hear from you again, I will call you at your office sometime before the end of the working day.

I am content with my assigned topic and won't burden you with questions -- if you really mean it to be as permissive as it sounds. When you telephoned, I seem to recall, there was some question of my trying to sum up the day's discussions and determinations. If I am wrong about this, I am glad, for I'd much rather free wheel. If I don't hear from you to the contrary, I'll assume that you simply want a speech of diagnosis and prescription, onward and upward, and so on.

The dinner invitation is much appreciated, and I gladly accept. Wouldn't it be simpler, though, and kinder to Marilyn, if we sat-in at a restaurant on one or more of our expense accounts?

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

via air mail   April 29, 1960

Dr. Hans Spiegel, Director
Community Tensions Center
Springfield College
Springfield, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Spiegel:

After much thought, I have reluctantly concluded that I should decline the invitation to take part in the consultation. Please believe that the reluctance is sincerely felt; for the process of diagnosis, prescription, and discussion that you have projected appeals to me greatly. It is the case, however, that SRC is a grantee of the Taconic Foundation, and our views on these questions are pretty well known to the Foundation's principals. Thus, it would make much more sense for some non-SRC person to do this stint for you.

Listed below are several suggestions (all white) for the spot you asked me to fill. They are listed, roughly, in order of preference, though I am confident that any of them would carry out the assignment ably.

First, however, let me throw out a suggested alternative for Bob Johnson, in the event that he also bows out. Whitney Young, dean of the Atlanta University School of Social Work, is as perceptive and articulate on the subject of Negro leadership as anyone I know and would, I think, be an asset to the consultation.

For the assessment of Southern white opinion:

(1) James and Wilma Stokely, 405 Clifton Heights, Newport, Tennessee, authors of the book Neither Black Nor White and many magazine articles on Southern race relations. They usually work together as a team, though either one of them would be suitable alone. They are deeply informed about the state of opinion in the South, current developments, and human relations efforts in the area.

(2) Will D. Campbell, director of the National Council of Churches' Southern race relations project, P. O. Box 1083, Nashville, Tennessee. Will is a fine practitioner, in close touch with developments throughout the South, highly regarded by his co-workers in this field.

(3) Kenneth Morland, professor of sociology, Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, Virginia. Morland is a sensitive student of the South, has been active in the Virginia Council on Human Relations, and has carried out race relations studies in South Carolina and Texas, as well as Virginia. He is one of those rare and useful people who bridge the gap between academic and action spheres.

(4) Lee Coleman, professor of sociology, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky. What I have said about Morland applies equally to Coleman. He has taught at the University of North Carolina and has served in various parts of the South as consultant for SRC.

(5) Lewis Killian, sociologist, Florida State University, Tallahassee, is yet another perceptive, action-oriented social scientist. He has done some valuable opinion research and has written on the subject of achieving consensus on race relations among Southern whites.

(6) John A. Griffin, director of development at Florida State University, would also do a good job if he were asked and accepted. He directed adult education at Emory University for many years, took part in the Ashmore Project, is a member of SRC's executive committee, and in general has been deeply involved in race relations for several decades.

If I can help further, you have only to call on me. And I shall look forward to further word of the progress of your important project.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

B. C.: Mrs. Jane Lee Eddy

April 29, 1960

Mr. Harry Fleischman
National Labor Service
165 East 56 Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Harry:

Unfortunately, we have no copies of "We Open the Gates..." Until very recently we had quite a supply but, in a campaign to get into circulation worthwhile material which we had stored, we offered to libraries throughout the country a number of pamphlets and other materials. Through this method our supplies have been exhausted. About the only consolation I can offer, is that the materials are in good hands.

Best.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/sm

April 29, 1960

The Rev. William Williams
Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
4241 S. W. 109 Court
Miami, Florida

Dear Bill:

As you know, Ben Muse has been serving on our staff this year in a sort of roving mission to consult with the power structure as part of a special leadership program. His reports are always confidential and should be so treated but we are anxious that state staff be in close touch with this effort and benefit from Ben's findings and resources.

Ben, from past contacts, had a particular in to Governor Collins' office and developments in Florida. Here is a report of a recent trip he made to Florida.

You have undoubtedly seen the March 26 statement by the Governor's Commission. I was particularly interested to see that it urges any existing biracial groups to be in touch with the Commission. The Commission probably is concerned primarily with official biracial groups but this would seem to be an invitation for greater involvement of some of your local people.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm
Enc.

via air mail May 2, 1960

Mr. George E. Barrett
Nashville Community Relations
Conference
P. O. Box 1002
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear George:

Thanks for your letter of April 27. I will plan to be on hand for the dinner meeting of May 17, with twenty to thirty minutes' worth of suitable remarks in mind. As soon as I have made plane reservations, I will let you know my exact schedule, although I know of no other arrangements which I need ask you to make.

We are interested in the proposed pamphlet on industrial development and racial conditions that you are planning. If it is still in process on May 17, I hope we will have a chance to talk further about it then.

Enclosed is a biographical data sheet and an obviously obselete picture, which is the only one we have on hand.

I'll look forward to seeing you and your loyal co-workers.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 2.

May 2, 1960

Mr. Harris Wofford
Notre Dame Law School
Notre Dame, Indiana

Dear Harris:

This is more a progress report than an answer to your memo of April 20.

I'd like to see your speeches reprinted in one pamphlet, but, like Herman, don't have the budgetary fat to do it. However, I'm exploring extra-budgetary possibilities and should know soon whether I can swing anything. Whatever the case, I could of course scare up a nominal contribution toward the total amount; but I take it something more than that is needed.

Meanwhile, quid pro quo, I enclose a copy of one of my own recent oratorical flights.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1. (Washington speech)

cc: Mr. Herman Edelsberg

May 2, 1960

Miss Frances Williams
4217 Enright
St. Louis 8, Missouri

Dear Frances:

You are kind as can be to write me that warm and morale-lifting letter. I hear of you often through Grace and rejoice in the wisdom and insight you continue to produce from the St. Louis base.

I'm not sure you have been getting our materials, except for New South, and am taking steps to see that you do.

These are good and busy days for me, personally, and for the Southern Regional Council, as I hope they are for you. One of these days, I trust, we will have another chance to sit down together and get caught up. Until then, my very best,

As ever,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1. (Washington speech)

via air mail May 2, 1960

Mr. Harry Fleischman
National Labor Service
165 East 56th Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Harry:

We now have permission from the New York Times, and prices from the printer, on reprinting Harold's article. Our cost will be .05 per copy for the four-page reprint and you can have a few to several thousand at that price if you want.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

Green copy to
HCF

via air mail May 2, 1960

Mr. & Mrs. George Wolfe
7901 Carroll Avenue
Takoma Park 12, Maryland

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Wolfe:

With apologies for this hasty and last-minute notice, I am to be in Washington this coming Thursday and Friday for a conference and will have a few hours free after my arrival at about 3:00 p.m., Thursday.

I realize that this is an awkward time, but if by any chance you two could join me for a drink, I should welcome the chance for even a brief chat.

In any case, I will call you from the airport to see whether this is possible.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 2, 1960

Mr. Wilson Record
Associate Professor
Department of Sociology
Sacramento State College
Sacramento 19, California

Dear Wilson:

You are perfectly free to use Kenneth Clark's New South article, in whole or in part, in the collection of readings you are preparing.

I'll be grateful if you will arrange for me to be sent a copy (with bill) on publication.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 2, 1960

Mrs. Robert M. Hunt
2434 N. E. 8th Street
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Dear Mrs. Hunt:

We are working toward an October date and hope this year we will not conflict with your Florida Chain of Missionary Assemblies. You will hear from us in a few days as to the date.

Thank you so much for your interest.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/lec

May 2, 1960

Mrs. William Roberts
2214 E. Wyomina Street
Ocala, Florida

Dear Mrs. Roberts:

We appreciate very much the clipping from you. We are always glad to get letters from the public in our Southern papers.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

May 2, 1960

VIA AIR MAIL SPECIAL

Miss Thelma Stevens
Shirley Savoy Hotel
17th Street & Broadway
Denver, Colorado

Dear Thelma:

It is so important to have you with us at the Workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned. Please look over your schedule and see if you have an open date in October, preferable the latter part. I certainly want you to set the date. If you have to put it in November it will have to come the week before Thanksgiving. If you can decide this now and will wire me collect, it will certainly help.

I am sorry that I am not with you but I am getting the Daily Advocate air mailed.

Here's hoping you can surely be with us this fall.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/lec

May 2, 1960

Mr. Herbert Mehler
Administrative Assistant
to Congressman Johansen
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mehler:

I am happy to send you the enclosed copy of my speech read in a session of the White House Conference on Children and Youth.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1. (Speech)

via air mail May 2, 1960

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
Executive Director
New World Foundatinn
475 Riverside Drive
New York, New York

Dear Vernon:

Thanks so much for your prompt and kind acknowledgement of my report on expenditures from the Contingency Fund. My apologies for the omission of the one figure; Mrs. Smith's travel aid amounted to $122.76.

Certainly we would be pleased to have the fund replenished, and grateful for the confidence in our collective judgment which that would indicate.

One question: Harris Wofford has written me that Rep. John Brademas feels it would be useful if Harris's three speeches on civil rights (which he doubtless sent you) were reprinted in one publication. Harris has diffidently approached Herman Edelsberg and me about this. (Herman has offered to put up $25 toward a total cost of close to $300.) SRC hasn't funds for this, and I gather much of the use of such a publication would be non-southern. Would you regard this as a fitting Contingency Fund item?

On yet another subject, John May, executive of the San Francisco Foundation, has just been here and will shortly be in New York. Jane and I have become very fond of him and his wife, Margarita; they're magnificent people, and he has a deep interest in this field which will take philanthropic shape one of these days. I've urged him to get in touch with you, for I'm sure you'll enjoy each other and find a lot of common interests.

Best,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 2, 1960

Professor Jay W. Murphy
Visiting Professor
College of Law
University of Kentucky
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Professor Murphy:

We have your letter of April 27 and will be glad to include you on our mailing list. It will be, however, a rather general list because we have no special mailing list for legal subjects and, as a matter of fact, we seldom do anything on legal questions. For your possible interest, I am sending under separate cover several of our recent items.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

Mailed separately:
New South, December '59, October '59
The South and the Nation
If the Schools Are Closed...
Student Protest Movement, 1960, plus add'l report

May 2, 1960

Mr. Walter Spearman
Department of Journalism
University of North Carolina
Dhapel Hill, N. C.

IN YOUR TROOPS TO LITTLE ROCK ACCOUNT YOU QUOTE AP STORY OF MORIN AND FULLER IN LOUISVILLE PAPER. COULD YOU GET YOUR NOTES ON THIS ITEM AND TELEPHONE ME COLLECT TUESDAY BETWEEN TWELVE-THIRTY and ONE-THIRTY OR AFTER FOUR.

Leslie W. Dunbar
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

CHARGE: Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue N.E.
Atlanta, 3, Ga.

May 2, 1960

Miss Helen Marie Toner
Box 46, Seton Hill College
Greensburg, Pa.

Dear Miss Toner:

I would like to spend some time in gathering material to reply to your letter, but I am afraid if I did you would not meet your term paper deadline. Actually, much of the information that you request is not available; e. g. items 2 and 4. Others can be answered very quickly: no legislative acts have been passed to clear the air; some laws passed to prohibit the demonstrations are in our enclosed special report. Your item 3 is practicably unobtainable. One possible source is a report of the Rounsaville Radio stations, which you might be able to obtain by writing to: Harold F. Walker, Vice-president and Nat'l Sales Manager, Rounsaville Radio, 3165 Mathieson Dr., N. E., Atlanta 5, Ga. We are enclosing a copy of our Special Report on the sit-ins.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

May 3, 1960

Professor Robert J. Steamer
Department of Government
Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Bob:

I would like to get your reaction to undertaking an assignment for us. It is one which I think you could do better than anyone and which I believe would consume little of your time--perhaps not more than a weekend.

We have been circulating from time to time what we call L-Reports; these are sent chiefly to public school administrators, business men, and newspapers in the South. We have been pleased and some of us (including me) astonished at the interest in these. This is expressed in several ways--not the least of which is the quiet, unacknowledged appearance of material from these reports in newspaper articles and speeches. I am enclosing samples of our L-Reports to show you the form in which they go out.

Now we think there is something very useful to be done by bringing together the points of law established in the spate of cases on school desegregation in district and circuit courts since 1955. It is because you have worked through this subject so thoroughly that I am hopeful you might be able to do it for us. What I have in mind is simply the briefest possible statement of the rule of law in each of the most important cases. I believe this is information that would be valuable and widely consulted.

A few months ago I attempted to do something on this order for Supreme Court decisions in various fields of segregation; enclosed is a copy of New South in which what I did appeared.

This may just be evidence to you that I have low standards; to me it indicates that it is possible to state the ruling of the case briefly and somewhat clearly. Because the sort of cases which we would like you to deal with are more technical, they may require somewhat lengthier synopses, but I think they can still be put in manageable statements. On the other hand, noteworthy dicta might occasionally be quoted or noted. I have an open mind as to the form of presentation: perhaps by subject, or by circuit, or by date. A chart, such as I used, would not seem appropriate.

I hope you can do this. I believe you can do most of it out of notes from your earlier research. We would issue the report either in mimeographed or printed form; whether your name were publicly associated with it would be entirely at your discretion. Would $75.00 and expenses be about right for compensation? let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Enclosures: L-16
L-17
New South, Oct. '59

May 3, 1960

Professor J. W. Vander Zanden
Duke University
Sociology Department
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Professor Vander Zanden:

I have read with much interest your article, "The Klan Revival," in the March issue of the American Journal of Sociology, and would be most grateful if you could send me a reprint for our files. It is an excellent piece. I was deeply interested also to see your footnote to your unpublished dissertation on resistance groups in the South. Once again we have cause to be concerned about the inadequate communication in our field. We several years ago did a report ourselves on the subject and are right now in the process of trying to do a revision of it. I am going to see if we cannot get your dissertation on loan from the University's library.

I hope your research on Negro voting has gone along well, and that we may some day soon see the results of it. Don Matthews, from the University of North Carolina, will be down here in a couple of weeks to look over our files as he begins their large scale study of Negro voting. I hope if you ever have occasion to be in Atlanta you will do the same.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

May 3, 1960

Mr. L. H. Pitts
Georgia Teachers & Education Asso.
201 Ashby Street N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Lucius:

Many thanks for your kind letter of April 21 and for your check, which was enclosed. My expenses were $58.24, and so we are returning $11.76. Among friends no honorarium is needed. I only hope that the job was half-way well done.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

May 3, 1960

Mr. Robert Lejeune
41-41 49 Street
Long Island City 4
New York

Dear Mr. Lejeune:

The accepted source on school integration is the Statistical Summary of the Southern Education Reporting Service. The latest summary was issued January 15, 1960, and is the 7th printing. The address of SERS is P. O. Box 6156, Acklen Station, Nashville, Tennessee.

As a matter of fact, there are a few questions left fussy by this summary and I am, coincidentally, in correspondance now trying to clear them up; they have to do with border states: Delaware, Maryland, Kentucky, Missouri, Oklahoma. I shall keep your letter on fiel and will write you again when I have gotten my own questions answered. In the meantime, if you have other questions, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

May 3, 1960

Mr. Ira Kaye
102½ North Main Street
Sumter, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Kaye:

I understand that you have been put in touch with Warren Gauerke, whom I would unqualifiedly recommend. Please let me know if things turn out well or not.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

May 3, 1960

Professor Charles C. Turner
Department of the Bible
Stillman College
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Dear Professor Turner:

I have had a chance to discuss your call with Harold Fleming, and I am afraid that, as I told you over the telephone, we cannot offer any encouragement about summer work. I do hope, however, that you will come in to see us when you are next in Atlanta. Our situation may change at any time, and we would not like to lose touch with you. In the meantime, I am taking the liberty of placing your name on our mailing list to receive some of our materials.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Mailed separately:
The Student Protest Movement
The South and the Nation

May 3, 1960

Via Air Mail

Mr. Gerry Speidel
Methodist Student Movement
408 Methodist Building
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Gerry:

We are very pleased that you can be with us May 14. for the HOPE workshop. There has been a lot of pro private school propaganda around here to which you should be a fairly good antidote.

Unfortunately, I will not be on hand for the occasion, being involved in a workshop in South Carolina that week-end. You will be in good hands, however. The HOPE people are making arrangements and you will be hearing from them by now or shortly.

You should submit your travel expenses directly to me.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

May 3, 1960

Professor Harry Holloway
The University of Texas
Department of Government
Austin 12, Texas

Dear Professor Holloway:

Thank you for your letter of April 22, and for the kind remarks regarding our voters survey. I am afraid that we cannot be of much more help to you regarding Texas registration. As far as we know, the data which we managed to get on Texas were really the first that had been systematically obtained.

You are most welcome to use our name in citing any of our material. And we should be glad to hear more about your research and wish you well with it.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

MAy 3, 1960

Miss Edith E. Lowry
Associate Executive Secretary
Division of Home Missions
National Council of the Churches of Christ
475 Riverside Drive
New York 27, New York

Dear Miss Lowry:

The consultation of leaders from church-related schools in the Southeast sounds most useful and soundly planned, and I am glad to be able to accept your invitation to make the opening presentation on the evening of October 25.

If there is further information I should have before that time, or if the Southern Regional Council can be of any assistance to your further planning, do let me hear from you.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 3, 1960

Mr. J. O. Thomas, President
Georgia Conference on Educational Opportunities
P. O. Box 4844
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Thomas:

This is in reply to your letter of January 25 requesting that we undertake for you a study of the equality of educational opportunities provided for white and Negro youth by the State of Georgia. We are now in a position to assure you that the work will, within the near future, be begun and finished. We shall need the advice, from time to time, of you and Mr. Pitts, and will accordingly stay in close communication with you.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
CC: Mr. L. H. Pitts

May 3, 1960

Mr. E. K. Williams, President
Department of Higher Education
Savannah State College
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Mr. Williams:

Thank you for your kind letter of April 18. I enjoyed being with all of you in Savannah. I shall try to comply with your request to write out my talk, but can at this time only reiterate my apologies in not having had a written address in the first place. It would be helpful to me if you would advise me as to how soon you need my paper, or whether there is any deadline at all.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Similar

~~Same~~ letter mailed to:

Mrs. John W. Curry, Central Jurisdiction
Mrs. Max J. Goldstein, Atlanta section, NCJW
Mrs. Leopold Fleischaker, Southern Interstate Regional, NCJW
Mr. Lewis Deer, Disciples of Christ
Miss Addie Mae Jamieson, Rural Workers
Mrs. Bee Wild, ADL
Miss Florence Harris, YWCA
MissEleanor French, UCW
Mrs. John S. Correll, Catholid
Mrs. Laure Mobley, Diocesan Secretaries, CSR
Mrs. Ben Russell, Presbyterian
Mrs. Mable Morley, Presbyterian

May 3, 1960

Mrs. Robert L. Wilcox
2205 Old Knoxville Highway
Lincoln Park
Maryville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Wilcox:

Please send me the list of Methodist women we should invite to the Workshop of The Fellowship of the Concerned this fall.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/lec

May 3, 1960

Mr. John H. Cooley
United Christian Youth Movement
475 Riverside Drive
New York 27, New York

Dear Mr. Cooley:

We are happy to have your preliminary report of the coordination consultation April 27. It is of course, quite acceptable to list the Southern Regional Council as a contact with Southern agency staff as noted on page two.

None of our staff will be in the New York area May 4, but we look forward to further word as to your discussions.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

May 3 , 1960

Mr. Richard Leland
Teacher of Social Studies
Cody High School
18445 Cathedral Avenue
Detroit 28, Michigan

Dear Mr. Leland:

Enclosed is a publications listing of the Southern Regional Council. Please check the items in which you would be interested, and we will be glad to mail them to you.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC;lec

May 3, 1960

Mr. R. B. Kochtitzky
303 Perkins Dormitory
Southern Methodist University
Dallas 22, Texas

Dear Mr. Kochtitzky:

I have your letter of April 21. It will be a week or two before I am able to prepare a reply, but I did not wish to hold it longer without acknowledgement. This is a subject in which we are greatly interested, although I am afraid there is not as much material available as either you or we would wish.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

May 3, 1960

Professor A. Lee Coleman
University of Kentucky
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Lee:

I have just read your article, "Social Scientist Predictions about Desegregation, 1950-1955," in the March issue of Social Forces. We would be most grateful to have a reprint for our files if you have one available.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

May 3, 1960

Mr. John Walker
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear John:

Many thanks for the clips about Pine Bluff. It is always a grand thing when the state groups think to send us interesting items from the local papers. I am returning the clips. We have made thermafax copies of all of them except the wire dispatches about Houston and San Antonio, which we already have.

Please give my best regard to Nat.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Enclosures: newsclips

May 3, 1960

Mr. David B. Isbell
Acting Assistant, Staff Director
Commission on Civil Rights
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Isbell:

We have your letter of April 27. Your staff member would be welcome at our offices to examine any of our files. I think most any date this month would be convenient except May 12 and 13.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

May 4, 1960

Professor ~~Louis~~ Lewis Killian
Department of Sociology
Florida State University
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Professor Killian:

I have just read the article by you and C. V. Smith, "Negro Protest Leaders in a Southern Community," in the March issue of Social Forces. We would be most grateful to have a reprint for our files if you have one available.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

May 4, 1960

Mr. Moreland Smith
63 (or 67) The Prado
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Smith:

I have asked HOPE to send you a few car stickers. I am sorry that we were engaged when you came by the other night. Why don't you stop in some time at our office?

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

May 4, 1960

Dr. E. William Noland
Department of Sociology & Anthropology
The University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Dr. Noland:

Thank you very much for your letter of April 22, regarding your study of convention hotel facilities. Actually, at the time of my first letter to you, we had already seen the mimeographed report which was distributed at the Atlanta meeting of the Southern Sociological Society and were, I suppose, "fishing" to see if more detailed information might be available.

As planned, the directory we shall publish is to include names of the hotels which are open to biracial groups - information which is not included in your mimeographed report. For this reason, we would like very much to see the raw material which you indicate has been retained. If it is agreeable to you, portions of your findings (including names of hotels with non-discriminatory policies) might then go directly into the directory; or, second best, if we could obtain the names of those hotels replying favorably to your inquiries, we will send them our questionnaires (or press them with a follow-up request, if they were included in our initial mailing but have not replied to us).

If your questionnaires and data sheets remain available, would it be possible for us to arrange to see them? If they can be mailed to us, we would, of course, pay postage expenses and return them as quickly as possible; if it is impractical to mail the material, I can arrange to come to Chapel Hill, at your convenience.

Thanks again for your help.

Sincerely,

MM:a

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

P.S. As I may or may not have made clear in my earlier letter, the SRC directory will be circulated to educational, cultural, and professional organizations which have expressed a need for such information.

Same letter to Mrs. J. F.McLeod

May 4, 1960

Mrs. Moreland Smith
3236 Bankhead Avenue
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Smith:

Mr. Max Heirich of the American Friends Service Committee of High Point, North Carolina, is trying to plan an interracial student camp in Montgomery this summer through this office. He has requested the names of someone of the Fellowship of the Concerned with whom he wishes to confer. I gave him your name and Mrs. McLeod's. I believe you can tell him all of the dangers therein.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/lec

May 4, 1960

Mr. Samuel Hill, Jr.
2619 Benmenue Avenue
Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. Hill:

Enclosed is some informational material concerning the Southern Regional Council. Also included is a listing of materials and a sample copy of our monthly publication NEW SOUTH.

If we can be of additional aid, please let us know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC;lec
Encls.

May 4, 1960

Miss Joan Shalleck
Editorial Assistant
CURRENT
177 East 71st Street
New York 21, New York

Dear Miss Shalleck:

In accordance with your correspondence with Dr. Dunbar, we have placed CURRENT on our exchange list. We look forward to receiving CURRENT.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

May 4, 1960

Mr. James H. Laue
329 Harvard Street
Cambridge 39, Mass.

Dear Mr. Laue:

We are mailing you today, under separate cover, our report on the Student Protest Movement, as you requested. It is good to know that Thomas Pettigrew and Gordon Allport are working on developing a book on the sit-ins.

In connection with this, you will certainly wish to read the May issue of Ebony, which contains an article and many pictures and also an editorial. Also, Governor Collins of Florida recently made a speech on the sit-ins. He sent us a copy upon request, and you may wish to write him: his offices are in Tallahassee, Florida.

We will keep your name on file to receive any additional material we publish on the student movement.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
The Student Protest Movement
New South, March, April '60

P.S. A list of our publications is enclosed. We have sent your name to the Southern Project, National Student Association, and you will be receiving materials from them also.

May 4, 1960

The Rev. Malcolm P. Calhoun
Division of Christian Action
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.
Presbyterian Building
8 North Sixth Street
Richmond 9, Virginia

Dear Mr. Calhoun:

We are mailing you the requested 25 copies of The Student Protest Movement, in its now fourth edition, with all added pages and data. Because we have had to re-cut stencils, and fill so many quantity orders, we are now asking .10 each for the report, and would therefore like to receive $2.50 from you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

May 4, 1960

Professor Peter B. Clark
Department of Political Science
Yale University
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Professor Clark:

We are mailing you, under separate cover, copies of the requested publications by Margaret Price: The Negro Voter in the South, and The Negro and the Ballot in the South.

We have published nothing on voting since, but do have plans for future publications. We will keep your name on file to receive anything we publish on voting.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Research

Mailed separately:
The Negro Voter in the South
The Negro and the Ballot in the South
Student Protest Movement
New South, April '60

May 4, 1960

Professor Robert J. Hybels, Chairman
Social Studies Department
Newton Junior College
Washington Park at Walnut Street
Newton 60, Mass.

Dear Professor Hybels:

We have your letter of April 25 requesting information on our policy regarding quantity orders of The Negro and the Ballot in the South when it is used as a text. We are pleased to supply this pamphlet at half-price (.20 each) for this purpose, with of course an extra pamphlet for the professor. We also, when and if desired, furnish the same number of our earlier publication, The Negro Voter in the South, also by Margaret Price and issued in 1956, at no additional cost.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
1 - The Negro and the Ballot in the South
1- The Negro Voter in the South
1 - The South and the Nation
1 - New South, April '60
1 - Student Protest Movement

May 4, 1960

Mrs. Nancy N. Young
Box 427
Lumpkin, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Young:

We have your letter of April 27 requesting material for your research paper on desegregation of public schools in Georgia from 1954-1960. Since there has been no desegregation, we have no material on this subject. However, we are sending you several publications of ours on desegregation of the schools in general, and if you would like to write again, more specifically, in regard to your planned research, we will be happy to hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
Background Report on School Desegregation
If the Schools Are Closed...
Stallings Report, L-16

May 4, 1960

Fla. Council of Churches

The Rev. Jack A. Davis
Executive Secretary
343 East Adams Street
Jacksonville 2, Florida

Dear Mr. Davis:

I was relieved to get your letter of May 2nd--I was planning to write you to see if anything had gone wrong (I have been out of town for a week, and thus the delay). The reports were mailed out on April 19, according to the postmark on the package, and we thought they would arrive for the week-end, when we assumed your meeting would be held. Your letter reached us on Monday, the 18th. We are very sorry you did not have them for your meeting. The package was returned, marked "refused."

We are mailing them to you again, this time to your office in Jacksonville, and adding the latest two-page addition.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

May 4, 1960

Miss Elsie Anderson
Box 481
College Station
Washington State University
Pullman, Washington

Dear Miss Anderson:

In reply to your letter of April 29, 1960, in 1959 the Southern Regional Council published, in conjunction with two other agencies, a study titled, "Intimidation, Reprisal and Violence in the South's Racial Crisis." Our supply of these booklets is depleted; however, the study appears in its entirety in a government publication which will be available in your local library:

> Hearings Before the Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights of the Committee on the Judiciary, U. S. Senate, 86th Congress. Part 3 - Appendix. pp. 1573-1603. (Published by U. S. Grovernment Printing Office, Washington, 1959.)

We hope you will find this study useful.

Sincerely yours,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM:a

May 5, 1960

Mr. Brooks Hays
Tennessee Valley Authority
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Brooks:

Many thanks for the copy of the Cregers' manuscript, "An American Success Story." It is a nicely done treatment of the subject, and the authorship lends a fine note of encouragement.

Of course, we would make no use of it without the permission of the authors. And if it is published by the Association Press, there will be no need to do anything but help make the publication known.

Meanwhile, I am circulating the manuscript to others on our staff.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/sm

May 5, 1960

Via Air Mail

Mr. Quintin Whyte
South Africa Institute of Race Relations
68 De Korte Street
Braamfontein, Johannesburg
South Africa

Dear Mr. Whyte:

I greatly enjoyed reading your report to the African-American Institute. My sincere thanks to you for your thoughtfulness in sending it.

I particularly enjoyed the concluding paragraph on page 27 -- and am strongly tempted to plagiarize it.

In these days of grievous trouble for South Africa, it is good to know that the Institute of Race Relations is at work.

With every good wish to you and your colleagues, I am

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/sm

May 5, 1960

Mr. Israel Moss
Anti-Defamation League
515 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Israel:

Shortly after we talked today, I got confirmation on the date of my New York trip -- namely, Monday, May 23. As sson as I get word on one other appointment, I can set the exact times of arrival and departure. This is just to let you know that I am likely to be available either on Monday morning the 23rd or on Tuesday the 24th.

We have received the list of regional offices and are breathing hard on the printer's neck. The reprints should go out no later than next Monday.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

via air mail May 5, 1960

Mr. Daniel Bowers
Executive Director
Virginia Council on Human Relations
216-C Broad-Grace Arcade
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Dan:

Since we exchanged letters, a slight hitch has appeared. I have been summoned to make a command performance before members of the Field Foundation board on Monday afternoon and evening, May 23. It seems impossible for me to get back that night, so I must spend at least some of the 24th getting home. I'm sure you will understand why I must go through with this.

You said you could stay over on the 25th if necessary. If that is still convenient, I suggest you come into the office on the 24th and get started with Paul Anthony, who has the foundation book and knows as much or more about philanthropic possibilities as I do. Then you and I can get together either the afternoon of the 24th or the morning of the 25th, depending on when I can get back from New York. I will certainly be on deck Wednesday morning the 25th.

I'm sorry for this complication, but I don't really think it will interfere with what we have planned.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 5, 1960

Mr. David F. Freeman
Rockefeller Brothers Fund
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, New York

Dear Dave:

It's been much too long since we touched base, and I hope to be able to remedy that soon.

I am scheduled to be in New York next, for one of those well-known command performances before members of the Field board, in late afternoon and evening of Monday, May 23. I could either go up the night before and have Monday free until about 3:30 p.m., or stay over on Tuesday. If you will have some free time on one of these days, I will plan accordingly. Please drop me a note as soon as you conveniently can.

As for the Arkansas Council's grant, it is perfectly satisfactory for us to keep the existing arrangement undisturbed. In fact, we can receive the grant for them with even greater equanimity now that their tax-exemption has come through. Incidentally, all but two of the state councils have now received the good word from IRS, and we're hopeful that the remaining two will shortly.

All the best, as ever,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 5, 1960

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
Executive Director
New World Foundation
475 Riverside Drive
New York, New York

Dear Vernon:

This is to say a word of hearty congratulations to you -- and to your good right arm, Win Meskus -- on the Foundation's five-year report. It's a beautiful job in both appearance and content -- and I don't think I'm unduly influenced by the generous treatment of SRC which it reports.

Nancy Harrison's foreword is a moving and impressive statement. It inspires me to try to be equally brief and telling.

As ever,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 5, 1960

Mr. Saul Silverman
Race Relations Commission
Governor's Office
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Mr. Silverman:

I believe you will find the enclosed report on Corpus Christi, Galveston and San Antonio of interest. This is a completely unedited version, and I am sure that you will recognise as you read it that it contains some information which probably ought not to be publicised or widely disseminated. We shall be mimeographing or printing this very soon, but in a condensed and edited form. In the meantime, however, we thought you might find it useful in your work and we therefore wished you to have it at once.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Dictated but not read
Enclosures: K. Moreland reports

BCC - Ben Muse

May 5, 1960

Miss Anne Ekstrom
Ziskind House
Northampton, Mass.

Dear Miss Ekstrom:

First, let me apologize for the delay in replying to your letter--I have been on vacation. We have mailed you, yesterday, our most recent report on the student protest movement, and it includes all previous reports. Present plans are that every ten days or two weeks we will issue a short report which may be added to the one you will receive. I will put you on the mailing list to receive this, for your bulletin board at Smith College. I have also sent your name to Miss Connie Curry, director of the Southern Project, National Students' Association. They are presently mailing out a newsletter, and I believe you would find it of interest. The May issue of *Ebony* has an article, many pictures, and an editorial on the sit-ins.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

May 5, 1960

Mr. Frank W. Sheppard
Agent in Rural Development
Cooperative Extension Work in
Agriculture & Home Economics
College Station, Texas

Dear Mr. Sheppard:

We are pleased to send you, under separate cover, the requested thirty copies of The South and the Nation for the Texas Rural Development Committee.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

May 5, 1960

Mr. Jacob Landers, Principal
The Berriman Junior High School No. 64
829 Belmont Avenue
Brooklyn 8, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Landers:

We are pleased to enclose the requested copy of "Racial Differences in Academic Achievement," by Frank H. Stallings.

You may also be interested to know that Dr. Carl F. Hansen has published a new report, A Five-Year Report on Desegregation in the Washington, D.C. Schools. 32pp. 35¢. Order from the Anti-Defamation League.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

May 5, 1960

Professor Edw. T. Ladd, Director
Division of Teacher Education
Emory University
Atlanta 22, Georgia

$6.75 (25 copies of the Schools Close)

Dear Ed:

Many thanks for the check coving the Green-Gauerke pamphlets you sold. Of course we won't turn down your offer to continue as our retailer. Twenty-five more are on their way to you.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

May 6, 1960

Mr. Saul Silverman
Staff Assistant
Florida Commission on Race Relations
State Capitol
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Mr. Silverman:

Mr. Dunbar asked me to send you statements of religious groups and leaders, and these are enclosed. We have many more, of course, in our files, but only one copy; however those which seemed to us most significant have been reprinted or published in New South and copies of them are included.

In addition, I would suggest the following:

Kyle Haselden, The Racial Problem in Christian Perspective
William Peters, The Southern Temper, Chapter 2.
The New York Times ran a series of article on "Churches of the South Facing Dilemma on Segregation", by John Wicklein, July 5-8,1959.
Pettigrew and Campbell, Christians in Racial Crisis (an account of ministers in Little Rock) also contains many religious statements

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

Enclosed:
Religious Bodies and the Supreme Court Decision, 1957
Perkins School of Theology Journal, Christianity and Race Concern
Race and Conscience in America
New South, Aug. '54; Oct. '56; April, Feb., May, June, Dec. '58; Sept. '59, Jan. '60.

Enclosed, continued:

"In the Hearts of Men," statement by Atlanta ministers
Nov. 4, 1957
"Out of Conviction," statement by Atlanta ministers, Nov. '58
"The Agony of the Southern Minister," by Ralph McGill,
reprinted from *New York Times Magazine*, Sept. 1959
"The Churches Speak," United Church Women publish statements
by various denominations, reprinted from *The Church
Woman*, May 1957 issue
"No Use Hiding Our Heads in the Sand..." distributed by
Atlanta and Georgia United Church Women, 1959
"A Moral Issue," published by Methodists
"Protestantism Speaks on Justice and Integration," therma-
fax, *Christian Century*, Feb. 5, 1958

In addition, the *Interracial News Service* issue of its bimonthly digest, May-June, 1958, contains many statements by religious groups. Because it is printed in blue ink, in small type, it does not reproduce well. However, if you are unable to get a copy, please let us know and we will send the best reproduction we can. May be ordered from: National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., Dept. of Racial and Cultural Relations, ~~297 Fourth Avenue~~ 475 Riverside Dr., New York ~~10~~ 27, N. Y.

In a week or so we will have a new publication by the Rev. Cornelius C. Tarplee (National Council of Churches), *The Church in Areas of Racial Concern*, and this will summarize a great deal of data and opinion on the role of religious groups in race relations. We will send a copy to you. We are also in process of publishing another pamphlet which has some material on religion and race relations--we have rewritten and up-dated *Next Steps*. We will be sure that you receive a copy of this too.

May 6, 1960

Mr. Sylvan Meyer
Daily Times
Gainesville, Ga.

Dear Sylvan:

I read the first half of this the same week-end you gave it to me. After that, things got rather frantic; I seemed to have time only for left fielders, end men, crusaders, and bitter enders -- none for "the middle man."

Now that I have finished the manuscript, it isn't easy to know how to write. Finally, I have decided that when you asked me to read it you must have wanted me to comment honestly; so here it is.

I would not regard this as a publishable piece. First, because of its awkward length: too long for almost any magazine, even the quarterlies; too short for hard covers; suited in length only for a pamphlet -- but pamphlets are published by organisations which select them as parts of a planned program. Second, because it rambles and sometimes gets thin. I mean this particularly about the first 23 pages. I almost think they could be chucked entirely: it is in pages 24-46 that you say your say.

And, I amy may add, damned thoughtfully and well. For that matter, throughout the whole thing there are sharp points and keen Meyerisms that should not be lost. My complaint is that they are lying about at random.

Why don't you either decide to write a book -- in which case you'll need more illustrative material --, or decide to whack 20 pages out of this and make a magazine piece of it?

There is so much good stuff here -- though I won't claim to agree with every bit of it -- that I hate to react to this in any way that might discourage you from going on with it. But I have had the experience myself of over-kind friends sending me off unwarned to the editor: it's no favor.

Your task is harder than most. Simply as a matter of rhetoric, it is easier for an "equalitarian" or a "segregationist" to define his position than it is for you who want to be neither. The middle position is always a difficult one to tie into place; you don't have much control over it, because it is the boys on the ends who are deciding what you are going to be in the middle of. At the same time, you have to make clear whether you are in the middle just because, as a matter of principle, you believe in the "middle road" in every, or almost every, controversy; or because there is in fact a third position you respect more than either of the others. I don't, for example, call myself "a moderate;" I say I'm comfortably in camp with the SRC and NAACP and that "Jim Crow Must Go." On the other hand, I agree with you in practically everything you say. Maybe you would say that means I'm really a "middle man;" I say it means you ought to come on over and recognize your kinship. We'll welcome you, with all your values intact; Roy Harris never would.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

P.S. Should have page proof early next week.

May 6, 1960

Mr. Neil Davis
Lee County Bulletin
Auburn, Alabama

Dear Mr. Davis:

Mr. Nat Welch of the Alabama Council was in our office yesterday and spoke well of your participation at the Presbyterian Regional Meeting in Jacksonville. He thought you might be willing to send us copies from the resolutions passed there.

You may be interested in seeing some of our material from time to time. If so, we would be willing to put you on our list for news releases and our publications.

Mr. Welch speaks most highly of you and considers you as a good spokesman for a saner approach to the problems confronting us at present.

I am enclosing a copy of our latest NEW SOUTH for your information. If you would care to receive additional pamphlets and/or news releases, please let me know.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encl.

May 9, 1960

Mr. Nat Griswold
Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

We will extend the deadline for your matching grants to September 1 as you suggest. Generally speaking, the state Councils seem to be doing quite well about these matching grants. Hope that you can make it.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

May 9, 1960

Via Air Mail

Mrs. Clifford J. Durr
17 Molton Street Building
Montgomery 4, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Durr:

Unfortunately I will not be able to be with you on May 19. There are two people here in Atlanta who I feel would be well qualified to meet with you on this subject.

The first is Miss Connie Currie, director of the Southern Students Human Relations Project, 41 Exchange Place, Atlanta. Miss Curry has been to a number of the places where the student sit-ins have occurred and has been quite close to a number of the student leaders involved.

Another possibility would be the Rev. John Morris, executive director of the Episcopal Society for Cultural and Racial Unity, 522 Atlanta National Building, 50 Whitehall Street, S. W. Mr. Morris is a young Episcopal minister who has served parishes in South Carolina and has just recently been employed as a full-time director of this new organization. Either of these would serve your meeting purposes well, I believe.

Let me know if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

May 9, 1960

Mr. Nat Griswold
Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

Copies of Governor Collins' speech went to the L-Report list, all categories. We are mailing you the additional copies under separate cover.

We do not have additional copies of A Report on Nashville, but you can probably secure the needed copies from Miss Louise Young of the Tennessee Council.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

May 9, 1960

Mr. Wilson F. Minor
% Times-Picayune
Millsaps Building
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Minor:

At the request of Paul Rilling, we are sending the enclosed information on the Council. If there is other background material you would like to have, we will be happy to send it also.

In addition, I have taken the liberty of adding your name to our press list, to receive future publications of the Council.

If we can be of further help, please call on us.

Sincerely,

Sarah Miller, secretary
to Paul Rilling

Enc.

Margaret Price, The Negro and the Ballot

LE Roy Collins' speech
News and Courier editorial and HCF reply
"McCarthyism Under the Magnolias"
Congressional Record reprint
M. A. Wright's Rainach letter
Origin and Aims of SRC

May 9, 1960

The Rev. William K. Williams
Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
4241 S.W. 109 Court
Miami, Florida

Dear Bill:

Our executive committee, meeting last week, agreed with us that recent actions by the Florida Council have put things in good order between the FCHR and the SRC. You will no longer be on conditional status as soon as we receive the audit.

At the same meeting of the executive committee a formula was approved for disposition of the Florida Council's share of special funds which were donated for state groups from the same anonymous source that contributed to state work last year. These funds were made available to us last year but were held up pending clarification of the tax situation and in the case of Florida, they were further delayed by the conditional status of the Florida Council.

What has been done in each case has been to allocate a certain sum of money to the state Council, make a portion of this money available immediately, with the other portion contingent upon fund-raising performance of the state Council concerned. In most cases, the period for raising matching funds by the state Councils is the two quarters from December 1st to June 1st. Since this period is so nearly over, we are extending the time in the case of the Florida Council to September 30.

The executive committee has set aside $2,500 of this special grant for the Florida Council. $1,000 of this sum will be made available to you immediately upon receipt of a satisfactory audit. The remaining $1,500 will be available to match all funds raised by the Florida Council in excess of $3,000 during the period December 1, 1959 - September 30, 1960. Assistance from SRC and possible national foundation grants cannot be used toward these matching funds. In other words, we will match each dollar raised over a minimum of $3,000 and up to a maximum of $4,500 that may be raised by the Florida Council during this period.

We are particularly pleased here at the progress the Florida Council has made in the field of finance during the first quarter and with the other steps that have been taken recently. Let us know as soon as you can how many of the biracial committees have actually come into existence under the Governor's new program.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

May 9, 1960

Mr. James M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

I know you remember what happened to the women of the Fellowship of the Concerned in Montgomery. I have been very close to them since then and in appreciation of what Mrs. Moreland Smith has done, I sent her a copy of your book. Here is a paragraph from her thank you note to me:

> "Thank you very much for the book by Mr. Dabbs. I remember well the wonderful address he made to the Fellowship of the Concerned in Atlanta a year or so ago. His distinguished manner and gentle, Christian philosophy made a profound impression on me."

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/lec

May 9, 1960

Miss Anne Mathers, Secretary
Oberlin YWCA
YWCA Executive Committee
Oberlin College
Oberlin, Ohio

Dear Miss Mathers:

We are mailing you, under separate cover, some material concerning the student protest movement. We shall mail you any further material which we publish in this field.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

May 10, 1960

Mr. William H. Swan
Consultant
Commission on Civil Rights
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Swan:

I am including some additional suggestions for your Louisiana Advisory Committee. These names have come from John Yungblut of the American Friends Service Committee, who is presently director of the Community Relations Program in Mississippi and Louisiana.

Mrs. Gregor Thompson Goethels, 505 Roselawn Street, Monroe. (Graduate of Yale Divinity School, currently teaching in the Northeastern Louisiana State University in Monroe.)

Mrs. E. N. Jackson, 209 Roselawn Street, Monroe. (Very active in the Methodist Women's Group on Christian Social Relations; a widow, and would probably have time to give to this work.)

Mrs. R. R. Eckart, 4547 Mark Twain Drive, New Orleans 26. (Also very active in Christian Social Relations department of the Methodist Women.)

The Rev. Benjamin R. Oliphant, St. Paul's Methodist Church, Lexington Boulevard, Monroe. (Native of Louisiana with background of advanced work at Union Theological Seminary and the University of Edinburgh in Scotland.)

If we can be of further help, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

May 10, 1960

Professor Donald Matthews
Department of Political Science
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Don:

We shall expect you Thursday in time for lunch. The Airport bus comes by our corner, usually; if you ask the driver to let you off at or near the corner or Auburn and Ivy, he may do so, and then again he may not. The first regular stop is the Piedmont Hotel, about five blocks from the office.

You will be spending the night with us.

There are several people at the Atlanta University center whom I think you ought to see. Rather than setting up individual appointments, I have asked Dean Braseal at Morehouse College to try to arrange a meeting with three or four people some time Friday.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

May 10, 1960

Western-Perry Printing Company
196 Marietta Street N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Sirs: (Attention Mr. Young)

Please print 5,000 copies of Racial Crisis and the Press, by Spearman and Meyer, in accordance with corrected galley proofs returned to you last week and our several conversations. We will be grateful for your prompt handling of this order.

Enclosed is the type-script of the Foreword, to be inserted at the front of the pamphlet.

The Union Label is to be affixed on the outside back cover.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

via air mail May 11, 1960

Mr. Cabell Phillips
1701 "K" Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Phillips:

As a footnote to our telephone conversation this morning, enclosed is a copy of "A Report on Nashville," written by Wallace Westfeldt for the Nashville Community Relations Conference. Westfeldt is a first-rate reporter on the Tennessean.

Of course, this was written while the lunch-counter dispute was still unresolved and inflamed. But you should find it helpful as background in deciding whether or not to do a piece on Nashville.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

May 11, 1960

Mrs. Fannie McFall
Acting Secretary to the Librarian
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. McFall:

The following publication which you requested from us is now out of print:

> "Intimidation, Reprisal, and Violence in the South's Racial Crisis."

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mildred Flowers
Secretary to the Director

MF

May 11, 1960

The W. K. Kellogg Foundation
Battle Creek,
Michigan

Gentlemen:

If available, would you please send us your latest annual report.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

May 11, 1960

Mr. Dallas Patterson
Box 664, G.S.C.W.
Milledgeville, Georgia

Dear Mr. Patterson:

Enclosed is a Film Bibliography which gives the information on the "Face of The South."

Sincerely,

(Miss) Luel E. Cummings
Secretary to the Director of
Information

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Encl.

BC: John Feild - Legislative Secretary to Sen. Hart

VIA AIR MAIL

MAY ~~April~~ 12, 1960

Mr. John Scanlon
Fund for the Advancement of Education
477 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear John:

A Washington friend of mine, on the staff of a U. S. Senator, told me recently that the Library of Congress has many demands for the SERS microfilm, but is too short of funds to buy it.

This strikes me as a deplorable state of affairs. The basic remedy for this kind of thing is, of course, fiscal. But it occurred to me that the Fund might want to consider relieving this particular shortage by a charitable gift. In any case, I pass along the suggestion for what it is worth.

It's been much too long since we got together. I hope to remedy that, too, before long. Meanwhile, let me hear from you once in a while, and share my best regards with Dorothy and Phil.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Materials sent:
 Dabbs's book
 The Southern Temper
 L'ville Story
 Action Pattern in School Desegregation

May 12, 1960

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Director
Penn Community Services, Inc.
St. Helena Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

Enclosed is a copy of an earlier bibliography which might be of some help. A new one will be listed in the May issue of NEW SOUTH.

I am sending you, under separate cover, a few things which might be of use for your library. There is no charge.

As to the map, you can get most any size here in Atlanta. Just now, we are using a 36 X 24 map of the Southeastern counties with the largest cities noted. The cost is two dollars. A smaller one, 28 X 22 is fifty cents. These are just black and white maps. You may perhaps remember seeing the larger one here in the office which we used to denote the number of counties with desegregated schools. Let me know if I can be of help in sending you some of these.

Bill and I hope to come to Frogmore sometime in June. At present, hope to spend two weeks. How is Penn's schedule in June? Do you think you would have room for us?

Best wishes to Elisabeth and the Roberts.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

May 12, 1960

Via Air Mail

The Rev. James Noland
Greater Houston Council of Churches
9 Chelsea Place
Houston 6, Texas

Dear Jim:

We were very happy to hear here that the Houston Council plans to move ahead with a fund-raising effort looking forward to a staffed operation by next fall. Since it does not seem feasible to plan a joint staff operation with the Texas Council, we would be happy to think in terms of some direct assistance to the Houston Council in view of the importance of developments in Houston even though this would be contrary to our regular procedures.

We are not in a position to make a grant to the Houston Council which you could then use to seek matching funds. In the first place our executive committee would have to approve such a grant and the committee will not meet again for several months. More importantly, all of our funds for field assistance this year are committed and allocation of funds for 1961 will not be approved until late this fall. At this point we do not know what funds will be available for assistance to state and local groups next year. If we are able to maintain our budget next year at approximately the same level, I would be willing to recommend to the executive committee a grant to the Houston Council in the neighborhood of $3,000 to $3,500. As I said in my previous letter, however, this would be possible only if the Houston Council had some funds in hand and was prepared to go ahead with a staffed operation upon the receipt of an SRC grant.

If we have as much money next year as we have this year, and if the Houston Council can raise sufficient funds locally to guarantee a staffed operation with SRC assistance, I think it highly likely that our assistance would be forthcoming. Under normal circumstances we would not be in a position to make assistance available to you prior to December of this year. If you feel prepared to move earlier in the fall, however, let me know and we will see what we can do about possible emergency measures.

I certainly hope that your plans do materialize and we will do anything we can to help. I will be on vacation during June but will be available the rest of the summer.

We do hear from time to time of persons seeking work in the human relations field and should be able to help you when you reach the point of interviewing personnel.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

May 12, 1960

Mr. Dennis L. Roberts, Jr.
Box 252
Talladega College
Talladega, Alabama

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Unfortunately, the Southern Regional Council has no funds available for scholarship aid of any form. Our funds are all committed for specific program activities of the Council.

I do not know how to advise you concerning the additional funds you need. Participation in the Oslo International Summer School would certainly be a rich and rewarding experience for you and it would be a shame to have to pass it by for lack of transportation funds. Have you examined the possibility of a loan through the Friends Service Committee? I wish that we here could be of more assistance.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

May 12, 1960

Mr. Lambert Davis, Director
The University of North Carolina Press
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Mr. Davis:

We regret that you won't be able to go ahead with Race and Region. We could not, however, commit ourselves far enough to help with your very real problem.

I am afraid that I must have misunderstood you regarding the Nicholls' book. My impression of our telephone conversation was that you were to let us know, after you had a chance to do some figuring, whether a bulk order from us would permit you to lower the list price; then we were to consider whether the terms were possible within our resources. When I didn't hear from you, I assumed that you had decided the idea was not feasible. I am sorry that we lost touch, and I am sure it must have been my error. We have a high opinion of the book. Whether in view of some recent undertakings we could make any substantial purchase I doubt. Personally, I would like to see at least some of our key people get the book. Could you quote us the prices in lots of, say, 25, 50, 100, and 200? I am, however, not quite clear at this date what form of "special interest" on our part you have in mind, and would be glad to hear further from you.

As to Mr. Dabbs, the SRC staff is fortunate in having an active President, whom you ought always to feel free to consult. Your recent letter addressed to him in Atlanta was not forwarded because we were expecting him here. And I suppose that more or less administrative or program matters might be addressed directly to us. But I am sure that Mr. Dabbs will always be glad to hear from you, and that he can many time supply advice that is uniquely good.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

May 12, 1960

Mr. Herluf Jensen
General Secretary
National Student Christian Federation
475 Riverside Drive
New York 27, New York

Dear Herluf:

I very much appreciate receiving your recent memorandum on legal defense emergency aid and scholarship assistance. It seems to be a very excellent document which will be of considerable assistance to all of us who are working with this problem.

I will of course be happy to work with you whenever possible in "rendering actual practical, and if possible, immediate assistance to such students." My office telephone number is JAckson 2-8764, my home telephone, POplar 1-1406.

I will be away from my desk from May 20 until approximately June 27. I am sailing to Europe on an assignment with the Council on Student Travel. If you need help from this office or in this area during this period, I hope you will feel free to contact Paul Anthony, office telephone as above, home telephone, POplar 7-7668.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

May 12, 1960

Mr. Al Payne
Y. M. C. A.
Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Blacksburg, Virginia

Dear Al:

I am very sorry that the pressure of events forced me to cancel my trip to Virginia this week. I particularly regret missing an opportunity to get together with you again. As Dan Bowers may have mentioned, I will be riding the gravy train to Europe again this year and will be sailing May 20 from New York. This of course is not the least of my problems of time pressure.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

May 12, 1960

Mrs. E. H. Spearman
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1400 Main Street, Room 605
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I know of no plans for immediate revision of SRC By-laws. The Internal Revenue people upon reaffirming our tax-exempt status did indicate that some of our purposes, etc. were somewhat out of line with the letter of the law but that they would raise no further question about them at this time in view of the considerable period that the Council has had tax-exemption under this same charter. I think this need not concern the South Carolina Council except that it might be wise for you to make sure that the statement of purpose emphasizes the educational nature of the SCHR.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

via air mail May 12, 1960

Miss Bonnie B. Stretch
South Rockefeller Hall
Mt. Holyoke College
South Hadley, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Stretch:

Dr. Dunbar has requested that I respond to your letter of May 14th since he will not be in the city at the time of your visit.

We will be happy to have your group visit the Council while you are in Atlanta. At that time, we can suggest a number of persons with whom you might talk and a number of places which you might want to visit. We can assist you in arranging for this.

As to the matter of arranging hospitality in private homes, I regret that this will not be possible. The Council receives a number of like requests each year and some of our past experiences have been such that we feel it best to remove ourselves from this area of responsibility.

We have checked with Emory University and find that they can provide accommodations in the dormitory at the rate of $2.58 per person, per night. If you care to pursue this, please contact Mrs. Donald L. Moore, Emory University, Atlanta 22, Georgia.

Under separate cover we are mailing several of the Council's recent publications which may be of interest.

Again, we will be happy to be of any possible help while you are in Atlanta.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf
cc: Mrs. Donald L. Moore

May 12, 1960

Mr. Nat Welch
342 Hare Avenue
Auburn, Alabama

Dear Nat:

Of course, I remember you and have heard of you from time to time over the last few years. It's good to know that you are active with the Alabama Council and are now in position to give more time to this kind of activity.

I'm awfully sorry I missed you when you were here, but hope you will be coming again soon and we will have a chance to talk about the many things that need to be done.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Enclosures:

New South Promotion piece
Congressional Record Reprint
SRC Reports the Changing South

May 12, 1960

Mr. J. D. Shadoan
202 Hillcrest Avenue
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Shadoan:

In response to your recent letter, I am happy to send you the enclosed material describing the Southern Regional Council and its activities.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

via air mail   May 12, 1960

Mr. Ernst W. Swanson
Research Program Secretary
The Inter-university Committee for
Economic Research on the South
North Carolina State College
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Ernst:

Many thanks for the invitation to participate in the first annual conference of the Inter-university Committee for Economic Research on the South. While I am not sure that my grasp of economics qualifies me, I accept with pleasure and will hope to make some contribution to the discussion from my special vantage point. In any case, I am sure that I will learn a lot.

As an added bonus, it will be good to see you again.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 12, 1960

Mr. and Mrs. James Stokely
405 Clifton Heights
Newport, Tennessee

Dear Wilma and Jim:

I have wanted to write you for some days to say how well done and useful I thought your last NYT Magazine article was. Your handling of that tricky theme had the perfect touch. I'm looking forward to seeing your Progressive piece, which, as I recall, should be approaching publication.

My Reporter article, as it appeared, is pretty thin stuff for anybody informed about Southern developments. With the typical editor's gift, they cut out such spots of color and vitality as I had managed to conjure up -- in the interest of space, to coin a phrase. But I don't think the piece will do any harm.

I was delighted to hear from Hans Spiegel that you-all had consented to do the evaluation of the white South for the Springfield project.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P. S. -- The newspaper story and editorial on Wilma's speech are as excellent as the speech must have been.

May 12, 1960

Mr. Wilton Dillon
Phelps-Stokes Fund
297 Park Avenue, South
New York 10, New York

Dear Wilton:

Have the Stokelys ever been to Capahosic? They've recently dug into the sit-ins for the *Progressive,* and of course are generally among the few most knowledgeable people down here.

It occurred to me that you might want to consider them if you run out of names and decide to break through the sex barrier.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 12, 1960

The Rev. Thomas R. Thrasher
The Chapel of the Cross
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Tom:

You are, indeed, still a board member in good standing of the Southern Regional Council. I had heard of your move to Chapel Hill and am sorry that we weren't alert enough to get the mechanical changes in our mailing records made before now.

In any case, that has now been done. I look forward to our next meeting and wish you all success in your new post.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Materials sent:
South and the Nation
What the S. C. Said
Negro and the Ballot
Three Views
If the Schools Are Closed/..
NS Promotional
New South/Dec., Jan., Feb., March, April

May 12, 1960

Miss Polly Berrien
Skidmore College
Saratoga Springs, New York

Dear Miss Berrien:

We are mailing you, under separate cover, some materials published by the Southern Regional Council. Some sample copies of our monthly magazine are included. Enclosed is a publications listing.

If there is additional materials desired, please let us know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec
Encl.

150 L-16

May 12, 1960

Mr. Galen Martin
Staff Secretary
Knoxville Area Human Relations Council
P. O. Box 1011
Knoxville 1, Tennessee

Dear Galen:

We are mailing you, under separate cover, copies of L-16. You may reprint L-17 and feel free to use any portion you wish but we hope you will denote places where deletions have been made.

In view of the purpose you plan for this material, there is no charge.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC;lec

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E.
ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA
JAckson 2-8764

HAROLD C. FLEMING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

MEMORANDUM May 12, 1960

To: State Directors and Chairmen
From: Paul Rilling

We have recently been notified by the Field Foundation that the Foundation Board has approved a grant of $25,000 to the Southern Regional Council for assistance to state Councils during the period May 1, 1960 to May 1, 1961. This is unexpected and extremely welcome assistance.

Inasmuch as funds are not as yet in sight to maintain state assistance during 1961 at this year's level, SRC's executive committee has decided to set aside half of the grant, or $12,500 toward 1961 aid. The remaining $12,500 will be distributed to state Councils this coming fall. Our executive committee felt that it would be better to wait until fall for this distribution in view of the special grant funds that most of you will be receiving in June and in view of the normal heavy program demands on state Councils during the fall months. A specific plan for allocation of these funds will be adopted by the executive committee at its September meeting.

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MEMORANDUM May 12, 1960

To: State Directors
From: Paul Rilling

I have not had a vacation for the last two years and am making up for it with a vengeance this summer. I will be leaving May 18 for a period of five weeks and will be sailing to Europe May 20. I have been fortunate in securing an assignment from the Council on Student Travel which will enable me to work my way to and from Europe by conducting a recreational and educational program on board ship. I will be returning here around June 28.

If there are matters which we should clarify before I leave, be sure and let me know immediately. Mrs. Sarah Miller, our secretary here, will carry on with all on-going matters including the distribution of matching funds from the special grant in June. Paul Anthony, our Executive Assistant, is prepared to handle all special problems and policy matters that may come up while I am away.

I will miss you all but under the circumstances, only slightly.

May 13, 1960

Mr. Irwin Glatstein
Jewish Community Council
2020 Hermann Drive
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. Glatstein:

Paul Rilling is out of town this week-end and I will pass your letter on to him when he returns. Meanwhile, I am sending under separate cover 25 copies each of our L-16 and L-17 reports. We are also adding your name to our mailing list so that you should receive future publications of the Council.

Please let us know if we can be of further help.

Sincerely,

Sarah Miller, secretary
to Paul Rilling

May 13, 1960

Via Air Mail

Mrs. Clifford J. Durr
17 Molton Street Building
Montgomery 4, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Durr:

Paul Rilling is out of town again, but he did stop long enough to try to get a speaker lined up for your meeting. John Morris thought he could make it, and then called back just before Paul left to say that he could not come after all. Neither of the other people he had in mind will be free on that date.

Paul is very sorry not to be able to help you in this matter.

Sincerely,

Sarah Miller for Paul
Rilling

May 13, 1960

Miss Anne Corry
Young Christian Students
College Headquarters
1700 W. Jackson Boulevard
Chicago 12, Illinois

Dear Miss Corry:

Your request for materials from the Southern Regional Council has been referred to me. We are placing you on our mailing list for future material except our monthly publication NEW SOUTH. If your organization wishes to receive NEW SOUTH, subscription fee is $2.00 per year.

With best wishes in your work.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encl.

COPY

May 13, 1960

Mrs. Betsy D. Taylor
P. O. Brawer T-3
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Taylor:

Since Mr. Fleming is away from the office, I am responding to your letter of May 5.

Mr. Fleming is eagerly looking forward to participation in your Southeastern Regional Conference on June 17, and expects to have in your hands by June 1 a copy or an outline of his presentation.

However, it occurs to Mr. Fleming that the enclosed reprint of his recent article, which appeared in the New York Times Magazine, might be helpful to your discussion leaders since much of what he will talk about is contained in this article. If you find that this reprint will be useful, please let us know and we will be glad to supply as many copies as you may wish.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mildred Flowers
Secretary to the Director

MF
Enclosure - 1.

May 13, 1960

Mr. Gerald E. Scorse
Secretary, UFSJ
Unitarian Fellowship For Social Justice
San Antonio Chapter
P. O. Box 11416
San Antonio 9, Texas

Dear Mr. Scorse:

Your letter concerning news releases has been referred to me. I am placing you on our mailing list for our news releases, but this does not include our monthly publication NEW SOUTH, a copy of which is enclosed.

We will be glad to receive your news release and I am sure we will find it helpful from time to time.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encl.

May 13, 1960

Miss Dorothy S. Johnson
Concord Public Library
Concord, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Johnson:

We do not maintain a general free mailing list. Our monthly publication NEW SOUTH usually lists our publications and special reports as they are published. We also occasionally mail listings of material to libraries. Some of this material is free of charge. This usually goes to Southern libraries but we will be glad to add your name to this special list if you so desire.

Enclosed is a sample copy of our monthly publication.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encl.

COPY

May 13, 1960

U. S. Tele-Service Corporation
369 Lexington Avenue
New York 17, New York

Gentlemen:

We would like to obtain a copy of the David Susskind "Open End" television transcript of April 3, 1960 the title of which is "The Crisis in the South". Should there be any charges, please bill the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mildred Flowers
Secretary to the Director

MF

May 13, 1960

Mr. Benjamin Muse
P. O. Box 312
Manassas, Virginia

Dear Ben:

Thanks for your letter concerning distribution and for your memorandum of May 11 on the lunch-counter situation. The latter is exceptinnally good and informative; it encourages me to continue hoping for some breakthroughs. I have sent a copy post-haste to Dave Freeman, whom I will see Tuesday, May 24; this will give me a chance to discuss with him renewal of the RBF grant and what form of annual accounting they want beforehand.

As to distribution, I agree wholeheartedly with your views. As you know, we have discussed this matter internally more than once; but it is clear that we have not achieved a satisfactory working arrangement. I am passing your letter on to Les and John as a basis for another, more determined approach to the problem.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 13, 1960

Miss Josephine Wilkins
Barbizon Plaza
West 58th Street and Central Park, S.
New York, New York

Dear Josephine:

This is written in haste to let you know that I will be in New York on Monday and Tuesday, May 23 and 24. I will be getting in Monday afternoon in time for a dinner at Mrs. Field's apartment with the race relations committee of the Field Foundation board. Returning on a 5:20 P. M., flight Tuesday. I am having lunch with Dave Freeman Tuesday and will probably have to get together with another group briefly; they are to let me know whether we meet morning or afternoon. Otherwise, I will hold myself free for a get-together with you, if that is possible. If I hear in time about the meeting not yet scheduled, I will write again. If not, I will try to reach you on my arrival Monday afternoon.

Hope all is going well and am looking forward to seeing you.

My best,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P. S. -- We have sent a batch of the New York Times Magazine reprints in case you have use for them.

COPY

May 13, 1960

The Biltmore Hotel
43rd Street and Madison Avenue
New York, New York

Gentlemen:

Please reserve two single rooms for Monday, May 23 in the names of Harold C. Fleming and Morris B. Abram. Early arrival.

Awaiting confirmation by return mail.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mildred Flowers
Secretary to Mr. Fleming

MF

May 13, 1960

Mr. Frederick R. Jeffrey
Fox Run Lane
Greenwich, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Jeffrey:

It is very kind of you and Mrs. Jeffrey to remember the work of the Council at this time, despite other pressing obligations. Please know that we are most grateful.

It has just become definite that Dr. Mitchell will return to Atlanta for a year's visiting professorship at Spelman College. We and his many friends here are greatly pleased at the prospect. Otherwise, he writes us that his daughter Ellen will soon be married to a young man originally from Rhodesia.

With appreciation and kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1. (Official receipt)

May13, 1960

Mr. Charles G. Dobbins
Staff Associate
American Council on Education
1785 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Charlie:

I greatly appreciated your kind words about my New York Times piece -- and equally your thoughtfulness in writing. Of course, I'm sure it occurred to you, as it has to me, that some of the current developments, in Alabama and elsewhere, strain my interpretation.

My last two Washington trips have been very much hit-and-run. Next time, I hope I'll have the good fortune to see you again.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 13, 1960

Dr. W. Hardin Hughes
1631-C University Avenue
Berkeley 3, California

Dear Dr. Hughes:

It was a great pleasure to hear from you again, and I am sorry that much absence from the office has delayed this reply.

I am delighted that you are as busy and productive as ever -- and still feeling the pull of the South. I have thought a good deal about the possibilities for such a research project as you describe, for it would be an interesting and valuable one. Unfortunately, it is beyond the means of SRC. But it does occur to me that your longstanding relationship with Dr. F. D. Patterson might lead to something. As you know, Dr. Patterson is director of the Phelps-Stokes Fund. The Fund has recently resolved to do more research and publication of its own in the field of race relations.

In any case, it might be worthwhile to put your proposal to him.

If you see any prospect of returning to these old stamping grounds, do let me know. Meanwhile, regards and good wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 13, 1960

Mr. David F. Freeman
Rockefeller Brothers Fund
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York

Dear Dave:

Just a note to say that lunch on Tuesday, the 24th, will be fine. I'll call you Tuesday morning to set time and place.

Meanwhile, here is a new report on the lunch-counter situation from Ben Muse -- an unusually good and informative report, I think.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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BC: LWD & PR

May 13, 1960

Mr. Joseph Robison
American Jewish Congress
15 East 84th Street
New York 28, New York

Dear Mr. Robison:

Your analysis of the new Civil Rights Act is as useful as it is timely. We were just pondering how best to provide a clear analysis for some of our key people over the South.

If they are available, we would be grateful for 25-50 additional copies of the analysis.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 13, 1960

Mrs. Edward M. Hershoff
6 Salisbury Road
Newton 58, Massachusetts

Dear Mrs. Hershoff:

Your card concerning our material has been referred to me. We do not have a general mailing list of our materials, however, our monthly publication NEW SOUTH usually lists additional publications when they are published.

An informational folder plus a sample copy of NEW SOUTH is enclosed for your information.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encls.

May 13, 1960

Mr. Morton King, Jr.
Box 192
Southern Methodist University
Dallas 22, Texas

Dear Mr. King:

We no longer have your record concerning NEW SOUTH so we are unable to tell when your name was dropped from the list. We will be glad to reinstate your NEW SOUTH subscription with the current issue and will send you any back issues which you desire.

Also enclosed is a listing of some of our recent materials which might enable you to select some of the ones you have missed.

If we can be of additional help, please let us know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encls.

May 13, 1960

Mr. Daniel T. Gates
East Dorm
Ottawa University
Ottawa, Kansas

Dear Mr. Gates:

Your request for copies of NEW SOUTH has been referred to me. I am mailing you, under separate cover, the requested copies free of charge.

If we can be of additional aid, please let me know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

May 13, 1960

Mr. Will Campbell
Associate Executive Director
National Council of Churches
P. O. Box 1083
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Will:

Do you have any thought about special distribution for the enclosed pamphlet written for us by Neil Tarplee? If so, would appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely,

JohnConstable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encl.

May 13, 1960

Mrs. W. Murdoch MacLeod, General Director
General Department of United Church Women
475 Riverside Drive
New York 27, New York

Dear Mrs. MacLeod:

Am I dreaming or did you really say that you and Mrs. Terrell would come to the Workshop of The Fellowship of the Concerned, November 15 and 16? This sounds too good to be true. I want to write to Mrs. Terrell but I wanted to verify this before I wrote.

I have been having a Minister or Rabbi to lead the worship services which have been the force that has given the women the courage to dare to do things in their own community. It will be wonderful if Mrs. Terrell would do this for us.

I am happy to tell you that some more money came in today for the Fellowship of the Concerned. So I can easily finance the expenses of both the President and Chairman of Christian Social Relations from the following states: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, the Carolinas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee and Virginia. I have the list of the presidents and Miss French will send me the list of the chairmen of Christian Social Relations.

The telephone call from New York yesterday certainly gave me a boost. Thanks so much.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/lec

P.S. Please let me know about Mrs. Terrell.

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May 13, 1960

Mr. Harold R. Tyler, Jr.
Special Assistant to the Attorney General
Office of the Attorney General
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Tyler:

I hope you will pardon this multi-purpose letter.

First, let me say that I shall look forward to further word of your progress on the idea of a chain-store conference. I am enclosing a report -- the first of several -- on the desegregation of lunch-counters in three Texas cities. More copies are available if you should have need of them.

Secondly, this is to confirm in writing the fact that Mr. Lucius Pitts will be at your office at 10:00 A. M. on May 17.

Thirdly, I am enclosing the memorandum of counties suitable for voter registration surveys. Your reactions to this method of selection and its results will be appreciated.

Finally, I am also enclosing an excerpt from a letter just received from the Rev. Robert Hughes, director of the Alabama Council on Human Relations. This information is probably already familiar to you and your colleagues, but, if not, may be of some value.

Cordially yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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LWD) for your information
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May 13, 1960

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15 East 84th Street
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With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 16, 1960

The Reverend John E. Hines
Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Texas
520 San Jacinto Street
Houston 2, Texas

My dear Bishop Hines:

Thank you so much for your welcome letter of May 11. We are deeply pleased that your acceptance, which we have had no reason to doubt, is now a matter of record.

I hope that I will soon have an opportunity to meet you, and, meanwhile, that you will call upon the staff here for any information or service you feel we can render.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

cc: Mr. Charles Shaw
Mrs. J. N. Rayzor

May 16, 1960

Mr. Harry Jones
Executive Director
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 E. Third Street, Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

Mr. Harry Boyte, currently chairman of the Atlanta Council on Human Relations will be moving to Charlotte, North Carolina on about the 30th of May. His address in Charlotte will be 237 Cottage Place. He has been a valuable worker in the local situation and should be of considerable help in the Charlotte Council. I hope you will at least pay him a courtesy call and invite his participation.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

May 16, 1960

Dr. Albert W. Dent, President
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Dr. Dent:

I recently was in New Orleans briefly and met with the board of the S.O.S. group. You will forgive me for not contacting you at that time. I was in only during the evening for that meeting. I was somewhat encouraged by the general temper of the group and the good leadership they seem to be getting at least in several directions. The group is at least as strong and promising as were similar groups in Virginia and Atlanta at similar stages of their development.

Several members of the group spoke to me privately following the meeting and suggested that perhaps Mrs. Stern would be willing to contribute financially to the organisation. It was then suggested that you would be the best person to talk with Mrs. Stern about this matter. They then asked if I would be willing to take up the matter with you. I questioned the propriety of asking you to approach Mrs. Stern concerning contributions to an all white committee but they felt that your contacts with her and her relationship to Dillard were such that you would have the best chance of eliciting some favorable response.

I simply pass it on to you for what it may be worth. Needless to say, only you can judge whether this would be a proper move on your part.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

May 16, 1960

Mr. Saal D. Lesser
Encampment for Citizenship
2 West 64th Street
New York 23, New York

Dear Saal:

The prospectus for the Leadership Seminar in Puerto Rico looks excellent. I only wish that I could go. After having no vacation for the last two years I seem to be embarrassed by riches this summer. I have secured an assignment with the Council on Student Travel and will be sailing for Europe in late May, returning near the end of June. Thank you for thinking of me.

We are again this year circularizing all of our state groups concerning possible participants in the encampments. I hope we have some results.

Before I leave I will try to pass on to you names of other persons who might be suitable for the Leadership Seminar. I wanted to get this in the mail today.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm

May 16, 1960

Rev. Frank E. Smith
1625 Scott Street
Clearwater, Florida

Dear Mr. Smith:

Dr. Dilworth Lupton has suggested that we send you some sample copies of our magazine, NEW SOUTH, for your information.

He informs us that you recently made use of some of this material in one of your sermons.

We hope the enclosed material may be of interest to you.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Enclosures - 5

May 17, 1960

Mr. John Hope, II
Department of Race Relations
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear John:

I am enclosing the latest revision of our Consultant Service form. If we don't hear from you in a few days, we will assume your approval and proceed to duplicate copies. The instruction sheet and form #2 will be used as you submitted them.

In talking with Harold about the Consultant Service Program recently, particularly about possible need to make another foundation pitch when these funds run out, we agreed that we need more data in the files reflecting the projects of the CSP. Harold and you and I know various things that have been attempted but we are often without supporting data in the files and might have trouble writing an overall evaluation of the program as our memories fade in future years.

The Consultant report ~~from~~ form that you are suggesting will go a long way in this direction. In the mean time, would you be willing to prepare a brief report on the recent merit employment meeting in Nashville, on the college conference in South Carolina and on the work you and Lewis Killian did in Raleigh.

I think it might also be valuable for the files if some time when the smoke clears you would draft a report on your own activities in relation to the Nashville situation. I think these could legitimately be claimed by the CSP.

In addition to the need for future foundation pitches, I think it will help us to properly interpret the program to our own board as a special report or as part of our regular annual report.

I recently spent $193.39 of Consultant Service funds to enable the Virginia Council to bring Dr. Galen Weaver to the state for a series of ministerial workshops. This covers consultant fees for three days and travel. Dan Bowers had a good program planned and I felt this a constructive effort.

I will be returning from Europe near the end of June and I hope to see you in the late summer.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Rilling
Field Director

PMR/sm
Enc.

Mrs Tilly
fyi

May 17, 1960

Mr. Frank S. Streeter
Treasurer
John Hay Whitney Foundation
630 Fifth Avenue
New York 20, New York

Dear Mr. Streeter:

On behalf of the Southern Regional Council, this is to acknowledge most gratefully your letter of May 11 transmitting the Foundation's check for $2,000 in support of the Fellowship of the Concerned.

In this time of accelerating change and accompanying tension in the South, the role of the church women is more crucial than ever. The work carried on under Mrs. Tilly's direction is accordingly high on our list of priorities, and I know she will wish to join in this expression of warm appreciation to the Foundation.

Our official receipt is enclosed and, as in the past, periodic reports will be furnished the Foundation.

Cordially yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1. (Official receipt)

cc: Mrs. M. E. Tilly

May 17, 1960

Mr. James T. Leeson, Jr.
Assistant to Directôr & Editor of Summary
Southern Education Reporting Service
P. O. Box 6156, Acklen Station
Nashville 12, Tenn.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY SAYS 126 DISTRICTS TEXAS DESEGREGATED:

WE COUNT 123 IN YOUR LIST. WHICH IS CORRECT ?

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research
Southern Regional Council

Charge: Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

May 17, 1960

Mr. Daniel M. Burnham
The Wall Street Journal
706 Young Street
Dallas, Texas

Dear Dan:

Just a line to tell you that your report on Negro employment was good enough to wait for. Truthfully, I thought it was a first-rate job.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

P.S. I think you have a couple of things from our files. No hurry, but would appreciate getting them back.

May 17, 1960

Dr. E. Clinton Gardner
School of Theology
Emory University
Atlanta 22, Georgia

Dear Clinton:

Thanks for your letter of May 9. We are exploring the possibility of reprints of Eliza Paschall's article in the Atlantic. I am pretty confident that, one way or another, reprints will be available before long, and at that time I will let you know.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 17, 1960

Professor Kenneth Morland
Department of Political Science
Randolph Macon Woman's College
Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Dr. Morland:

I trust that by now you have received a copy of your report. I am having twenty copies more mailed to you today; please let us know if you can use additional copies, or let us know names of persons to whom you would like to have copies mailed. We are sending a copy to each of the Texans listed in your letter of May 6.

We have decided not to release your report to the press until the round-up report, which I told you about, is finished--which ought to be late this week or next week; at that time we shall release the two reports together. In fact, we are cooperating in the sponsorship of a third study, this one of the Nashville experience. I don't know just when that will be done, but conceivably we could have a three-part release.

Let me thank you again for a job well done. It is an excellent report and in saying that I speak the opinion of not only myself but all others here.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

May 17, 1960

The Rev. Arthur E. Walmsley
Division of Christian Citizenship
Nat'l Council, Protestant Episcopal Church
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Arthur:

Many thanks for sending me the article from The Episcopalian. I am giving as much thought as I am capable of to what I am to say on Monday, and at this point can only hope for the best. At any rate I shall call you when I arrive in Washington Monday morning and get from you then the latest word on arrangements. I am planning to come by train, arriving in Washington at 9:55 a. m., daylight time. I shall plan to leave Monday evening on the 7:10 train, but if there is any reason to stay over I probably can do so.

Looking forward to seeing you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

May 17, 1960

Mr. George McMillan
Box 299
Aiken, S. C.

Dear George:

I am enclosing a clip which documents your Little Rock point and also Dan Wakefield's recent article in The Nation. The record of the number of Negro children in white schools in North Carolina is as follows:

	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60
Charlotte	4 *	4	1
Durham (Durham Co.)	-	-	7
Greensboro	6	5	5
Goldsboro (Wayne Co.)	-	1	14
High Point-Guilford	-	-	2
Havelock (Cherry Point, Craven County)	-	-	17
Winston Salem	1	4	7
Total	11	14	53

* One withdrew after harassment

Give Kit my best and tell him he has been through worse than this before. Either Columbia or Haverford would be excellent. If Tony were college age now, I would be encouraging him to think seriously of Chapel Hill; and Brandeis is one of the places which I expect to take Linda to first next month: I suspect there is not a more interesting faculty anywhere, expecially in the social sciences.

This reminds me of another matter. I am expecting to get away beginning June 10 and will be gone two weeks. I would like to have your peice ready for printing before I go. This would mean having it here by about May 27, or earlier if possible. Do you think it can be done?

Sincerely,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

May 17, 1960

Mr. Robert A. Falise
Deputy Assistant Staff Director
Commission on Civil Rights
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Bob:

Thanks for the Southern rosters and the word of Mottolese's coming. He was in our office today. We had quite a long and, for me at any rate, interesting discussion.

I am painfully aware that I haven't yet written the letter Bill Swan wanted concerning the role of the advisory committees. I literally haven't had enough uninterrupted time in the office to do it justice. If it's still timely, I will try to send along something soon.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 17, 1960

Mrs. Nina Starr
818 North West 36th Avenue
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Nina:

It is good to hear from you after so long a time. I am grateful for your kind words about the Times piece and for the enclosure on Chester Bowles.

I do, indeed, share your high opinion of Bowles, and, if it weren't for my "nonpartisan" organizational position, I might well be doing my bit, as you are. I've had some slight dealings with him, at a distance, and came to admire him all the more.

Needless to say, Collins too is high on my list!

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 17, 1960

Mr. Tom Pettigrew
Department of Social Relations
Harvard University
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

Dear Tom:

Many thanks for both your recent notes and your kind words about SRC and my *Times* piece. The latter was an unpremeditated bit of good fortune which I'll tell you about when we're together next.

It looks as though ~~that~~ I will, indeed, be at the Phelps-Stokes conference. I hope you are definitely planning to be there.

Meanwhile, if you are in New York any time soon, why don't you give Jane Lee Eddy a ring? She was here recently and inquired about your activities with interest and evident regard.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 17, 1960

Mr. Henry Putzel, Jr.
Chief, Voting and Elections Section
Civil Rights Division
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Putzel:

Thank you for your letter of May 12.

The Alabama consultant for our voting study of 1956-57 was Professor J. E. Pierce at Alabama State College in Montgomery. Since some time has elasped, either he or some other knowledgeable person in Alabama would be the one to supply the names of local Negro leaders throughout the state. There is, in fact, what I understand to be a well organized registration campaign functioning in the state. Professor C. G. Gomillion of Tuskegee Institute is among those who is active and knowledgeable about this effort.

As for Professor Pierce, I have had no communication with him for a long time and don't know how closely informed he is currently about these matters. As I suggested in my last letter, the findings that we got from Alabama were far from perfect. It would be well to preceed with care in using information from the same sources without independent verification.

If we can help further, call on me.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 17, 1960

Mr. John H. Wheeler
President
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear John:

We were very sorry that understandable conflicts prevented your being with us at the last Executive Committee meeting. It was an interesting and satisfying meeting, I believe, for everyone concerned.

You will be receiving in due course the minutes of the meeting, and we would welcome your advice and suggestions on any of the matters dealt with.

I hope I will see you again before long. Meanwhile, kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 17, 1960

Mr. Marvin Wall
Acting Executive Director
Southern Education Reporting Service
P. O. Box 6156
Acklen Station
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Wall:

Many thanks for your letter of May 12 and for the 100 copies of Southern Schools: Progress and Problems which we may expect to receive in a few days. We will try to make effective use of the books.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 18, 1960

Mr. Joseph Haas
1116 First National Bank Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Joe:

At the last meeting of the Executive Committee, we discussed the recent dealings with the Internal Revenue Service. Your wise counsel was missed.

The members present felt that, subject to your opinion, it might be wise to present to the annual meeting a resolution that would take notice of the inadequacy of our charter in the view of the IRS, and the fact that we will henceforth be guided by the standards set forth in the regulations. They felt that such a resolution, duly passed and transmitted to IRS, might help safeguard our position in the future.

If you agree with this reasoning, could we ask you to dictate appropriate language to this end between now and the next Executive Committee meeting on September 27?

With appreciation, as always, and best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 18, 1960

Mr. William W. Cowan
Current
177 East 71 Street
New York 21, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Cowan:

We shipped to you yesterday 150 copies of The South and the Nation, by Governor Collins, as you requested in your letter of May 10. We are pleased to work with you in promoting this pamphlet.

We would appreciate receiving from you the list of respondents expressing an interest in the pamphlet.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

P.S. We have not yet received our copy of the first issue of Current.

May 18, 1960

Mr. Brunswick A. Bagdon
Regional Director
Bureau of Labor Statistics
Suite 540, 1371 Peachtree Street N.E.
Atlanta 9, Georgia

Dear Mr. Bagdon:

I have now had an opportunity to finish reading your speech before the Employment Managers of the Associated Merchandising Corporation. It is an excellent and illuminating address, and I thank you for the copy.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

May 18, 1960

Mr. George W. Strickler, Jr.
263 Pennsylvania Avenue
Louisville 6, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Strickler:

We have your letter of May 7 and I am afraid there is little assistance we can offer. As an organization, the Council is solely concerned with questions of racial relations and we maintain files regarding employment and labor unions only as race relations questions are involved.

By chance Professor Donald Matthews, of the Department of Political Science of the University of North Carolina, was here last week and mentioned to me that a graduate student at Chapel Hill is also doing some research in the field of the churches attitude toward labor relations. I don't have the students name, but you may wish to write to Matthews. Some time ago I had some correspondence with Professor J. Kenneth Davies, Department of Economics and Business Administration, Duke University; I believe that Professor Davies has an interest in this field also.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

May 16, 1960

Professor Robert J. Steamer
Department of Government
Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Bob:

Many thanks for your letter of May 9 and I am extremely pleased that you will undertake to digest the school desegregation decisions for us. I understand full well the problems of time. Finish it as soon as you can; I shall only say that we would like to have it out some time in the Summer, and I would like for you to tell me, when you can, the approximate date that you expect to be through.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

May 18, 1960

Miss Katharine Taylor
41 Hawthorne Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Katharine:

We were surprised and delighted to receive the enclosed letter, with check, from the law firm handling Mr. Emerson's estate. We had no idea that a further distribution of this size was even a possibility.

Along with a rush of warmth for the memory of Mr. Emerson, I feel a renewed gratitude to you for your spontaneous and kind words about the Council that made this possible. I have wanted for ever so long to devise some suitable tasteful way to express a modest memorial tribute to Mr. Emerson. If I hit on an idea, I'd like to check it with you.

It's been much too long since we saw you, but fortunately Vernon keeps me posted on your fruitful globe-girdling activities.

My best, as always.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 18, 1960

Bingham, Dana & Gould
1 Federal Street
Boston 10, Massachusetts

Re: **Estate of William Emerson**

Gentlemen:

This will acknowledge appreciatively your letter of May 13 transmitting check for $23,600 in payment of the Southern Regional Council's share in the current distribution from the Estate of Mr. William Emerson.

We appreciate your courtesy in keeping us informed of the progress toward final settlement of the Estate.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1. (Official receipt)

May 18, 1960

Dr. J. Allen Easley
Chairman
Department of Religion
Wake Forest College
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Easley:

We are not only willing to send you some sample copies of New South for distribution to prospective subscribers, but we are grateful to you for helping us to make the publication known in this way. Under separate cover I am sending you fifteen (15) copies of the March issue. If you find later that you can use more copies in this way, feel free to write me.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 18, 1960

Henry Holt & Company, Inc.
383 Madison Avenue
New York 17, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:

We would like to receive *Two Parties for Shreveport, Louisiana*, by Kenneth N. Vines, from your Case Studies in Practical Politics series in the paperbound 50¢ edition. We are enclosing 50¢ in coin.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

Enclosed: 50¢

May 18, 1960

Publications Office
Group for the Advancement of Psychiatry
104 E. 25th St.
New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:

Please send us 100 copies of your Emotional Aspects of School Desegregation. Our check for $30.00 is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

Enclosure: $30.00

May 18, 1960

Mr. Galen Martin
Unitarian Service Committee, Inc.
Box 887,
Knoxville 1, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Martin:

When we received your order for the 12 copies of L-16 and L-17, we were out of both; we have since had L-16 reprinted, and have re-run L-17 on the mimeograph, making new stencils and a couple of minor changes. We are today mailing you the requested copies and regret the delay.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

May 18, 1960

Dr. Herman Long
Department of Race Relations
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Long:

Paul Rilling is on his way to Europe for a vacation today, and asked that I write you. We are sending the enclosed memorandum to our state directors of Councils on Human Relations, and wanted to check several points with you. Is the Institute set up this year so that people already experienced in the field should come the first week if they can only attend one week? Paul says he hopes the statement about scholarship aid is still true. This was his understanding from talking with you.

We would appreciate your clarification of these matters and will pass on any information you suggest to our state directors.

With best wishes for your Institute,

Sincerely,

Sarah Miller (Mrs. Timothy)
secretary to Paul Rilling

Enclosure

May 18, 1960

Via Air Mail

Mr. Gerry Speidel
2666 Jefferson Park Circle
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Mr. Speidel:

I am enclosing your check for the conference. From all accounts I hear of the workshop, there was a great deal of ignorance and a real need for the factual information you were able to supply. We do appreciate your making the trip.

Paul Rilling is in New York now, and will be sailing tomorrow but I will save your card for him. He was several feet above the earth long before he left.

Sincerely,

Sarah Miller (Mrs. Timothy)
secretary to Paul Rilling

Enclosure

P. S. Emory is now with the School of Workers at the University of Wisconsin.

May 18, 1960

Dr. Hans Spiegel, Director
Community Tensions Center
Springfield College
Springfield 9, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Spiegel:

I am pleased to hear that you were able to secure the services of Whitney Young and the Stokelys for your consultation. I don't think you could have found better people for these assignments.

There is every prospect that I will be in the office during August, except for one or two very short trips. By all means, write me again when your schedule becomes certain.

I have paid your matrimonial respects to the decaying walls of 63 Auburn Avenue.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 18, 1960

Mrs. Wilma Stokely
405 Clifton Heights
Newport, Tennessee

Dear Wilma:

I would welcome the chance to talk with you and Jim about the Springfield project. I can't think of anybody better than you two to take on this formidable assignment.

I will be in the office most of the time between now and July 10, but it would be safe, I think, if you would let me know the dates of your coming when they are definitely set.

Until then, best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 19, 1960

Mr. John H. Cooley
United Christian Youth Movement
475 Riverside Brive
New York 27, New York

Dear Mr. Cooley: .

Paul Rilling, who is out of the country, has asked that I write you concerning your proposed memorandum on the agencies collecting funds to aid students involved in the sit-ins. If this memorandum has been prepared, or is being prepared we would appreciate a copy. If possible, we would also like your permission to share the information with other agencies in the South concerned with human relations.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

May 19, 1960

Dr. Celestine L. Smith
Consultant in Human Relations
College and University Division
Y.W.C.A.
600 Lexington Avenue
New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Smith:

We are pleased to send you two copies of our reports on the student protest movement, with supplements to date, as requested by Miss Nagle.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:A

May 19, 1960

The Atlantic Monthly
8 Arlington
Boston 16, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

There has been a great deal of interest expressed in the article in your May 1960 issue, "A Southern Point of View," by Mrs. Eliza Paschall of Atlanta.

We are interested in reprinting this article and would be very grateful for your permission to do so. Appropriate credit would, of course, be given to the Atlantic Monthly. We have discussed this with Mrs. Paschall and have her permission.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

May 19, 1960

Mr. Hodding Carter
Delta-Democrat Times
Greenville, Mississippi

Dear Hodding:

I am sending you separately such material as we can muster on the private school question. Unfortunately, there seems to be practically nothing in the way of statistics on private school enrollments, establishment of new private schools, or the increase in parocial school activity.

Anyway, I hope the material will be of some help to you in preparing the article. As you get into it, if questions arise that you feel we might be able to help further on, don't hesitate to call on me.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P. S. -- I didn't include one or two legal analyses, since I didn't feel that they were particularly pertinent for your purpose. If you need more on the legal aspects, we can supply it.

May 19, 1960

The Council of State Governments
1313 East Sixtieth Street
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Sirs:

We are enclosing our check in payment of your invoice No. 11045, 1960-61 Book of the States and two Supplements, to follow January and Summer 1961.

We wish to cancel our standing order for any subsequent publications.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

Enc- check, $11.00

May 19, 1960

Mr. James W. Prothro
Department of Government
Florida State University
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Mr. Prothro:

We are mailing you today, under separate cover, the requested copy of The Negro and the Ballot in the South. There is no charge.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

May 19, 1960

The Rev. C. Herbert Oliver
55 18th Avenue South
Birmingham 5, Alabama

Dear Mr. Oliver:

We are mailing you today the requested 40 copies each of If the Schools Are Closed and L-11, The Little Rock Report. We were out of the latter when your request came, but have since re-run it. Regarding the third item, Next Steps in the South, we have been re-writing and up-dating it for the past month; we expect to have it back from the printer within a week or so and will, at that time, send you the 40 copies. There is no charge; we are pleased that you will be getting these materials into the hands of Alabama people who will read (and we hope use) the information.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

May 19, 1960

Miss Leah Chapin
and Mr. Paul Waters
PACE
Goddard College
Plainfield, Vermont

Dear Miss Chapin and Mr. Waters:

We are pleased to send you our reports on the Student Protest Movement, which had to be re-run due to the unprecedented demand, and the two additional reports issued in April and May. We will send you any further reports issued.

Your offer to send copies of your bulletin is appreciated, and we would be very much interested in receiving it. We do not have a mailing list of college and student groups, but are referring you to Miss Connie Curry, Southern Project, National Student Association, 41 Exchange Place, Atlanta, Georgia. Miss Curry does have a mailing list, and she also sends out reports which you probably would like to see.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

Mailed separately:
Student Protest Movement,
with additions to date
New South, March, April, 1960

Copy: CC

May 19, 1960

Mr. Frank D. Woods
Moody's Investors Service
P. O. Box 1236
Atlanta 1, Georgia

Dear Mr. Woods:

We wish to cancel our subscription to Moddy's 1960, as agreed in our renewal of December 9, 1959.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:A

May 19, 1960

Professor James W. Pence, Jr.
Box 694
Lexington, Virginia

Dear Professor Pence:

The two reports on academic achievement, which you requested on May 9, are enclosed. We regret the delay in filling your request, but we were out of both reports at that time. We have since had the first, L-16, reprinted, and the second, L-17, re-run on the mimeograph.

We are also pleased to add your name to our mailing list to receive all research publications.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:A

May 19, 1960

Professor Roy Pierce
Department of Political Science
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Roy:

The August-September issue of The Crisis each year gives statistics on Negro enrollment in colleges and universities. The data is not complete but is superior to any other. Some years a better job seems to be done than in others; suggest you look at a copple. The 11th edition of the Negro Yearbook (1952) has an interesting article on higher education; there is some worthwhile discussion also in George Simpson and Yinger, Racial and Cultural Minorities, revised edition, Chapter 20. And there are some extremely valuable analyses of quality in the appendices of Dietrich Reitses, Negroes and Medicine; the data of course relates to pre-medical preparation, but they are good bases for generalisation. The 1956 World Almanac still designated which colleges are Negro.

We expect to be in New York, from about noon on the 15th to noon on the 17th. Our schedule is tight, and if you are sailing on the 17th your's will be tighter. We would like to see you, though, and when I know our plans definitely I am going to drop you another line.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Enclosures: Congressional Record Reprint - Douglas
" " " - Bolling
L Report #1
List of SRC Board Members
Journal and Guide Reprint - Lin Holloway
Collins Pamphlet

May 19, 1960

Mrs. Eileen O'Daniel Eddy
5151 Polk Avenue
Alexandria, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Eddy:

Mr. Dabbs has suggested that I send you the enclosed material on the Southern Regional Council. Some of this material, such as the Congressional Reprint, goes into considerable detail on the organization and functions of SRC. Other, such as our L-1 Report, is brief and probably best suited to your immediate needs.

We are also enclosing a list of the Members of the Council. This group is the policy-making body of the Council; there is no general membership. You are correct in that the Members are all Southerners, a requirement of the By-Laws of SRC. All members of the staff are also Southerners.

While we are happy to have you use this information, it is true of course that there is no formal or legal connection between SRC and the state or local councils. SRC was instrumental in founding many of the state councils, and for several years paid the operating expenses of these groups. Since 1957, however, all state councils are completely autonomous with their own policy boards, membership and staff. We do provide such financial assistance as is possible as well as other services when available and necessary.

We are grateful for your comments on New South and will pass them on to the Editor.

If we can be of additional help, please feel free to call on us.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures

May 19, 1960

American Jewish Committee
165 East 56 Street
New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:

Please send us the following pamphlets and reprints, and bill us:

"Deflating the Professional Bigot"	.15
"Prejudice Won't Make Us Sell Our House"	.05
"When a Negro Moves Next Door"	.15
"The People Take the Lead"	.25
"Reaching Out in Recreation"	.20
	.80

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

May 20, 1960

Miss Anne Queen
Young Women's Christian Association
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Anne:

You asked for "as many copies" but never did say as many as a hundred as we could spare or what. And so I am sending you a hundred. If you need more let me know.

Why don't you come see us sometime?

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

May 20, 1960

Mr. David F. Freeman
Rockefeller Brothers Fund
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, New York

Dear Mr. Freeman:

On April 21 we mailed you a copy of our quarterly narrative report to the Southern Regional Council with a covering letter indicating that our organization has been granted tax-exempt status by the Internal Revenue Service. This latter fact, of course, would make possible direct payment of this year's grant to ACHR, if you think this wise.

Since we have had no acknowledgement of our report and letter, we naturally wonder if they were lost somewhere en route.

You will find that on April 14, 1959 Harold Fleming, Director of Southern Regional Council, wrote you concerning the installment for that year. If it will make administration of the grant simpler, he would be glad to repeat this procedure. Also, the transmission can still be through SRC as in previous years. We can see some public relations value in doing this.

Obviously, we relax and work better when cash for operation is in hand! We know you understand.

Sincerely,

Nat R. Griswold

NRG:ra
cc: Harold Fleming

May 20, 1960

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays
President
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Mays:

Some men in every generation have the satisfaction of knowing that they have made a significant contribution in one field. Some can feel proud that they have contributed modestly in several fields. But it is a rare and valuable person, indeed, who can know in his own lifetime that he has given outstanding leadership in many areas of human advancement.

It is for this rich achievement that you are honored on the completion of your twentieth year as President of Morehouse College. On behalf of the Southern Regional Council, as well as personally, I feel privileged to add this word of tribute to the many you will receive from more illustrious sources.

Your leadership in making the name of Morehouse College a badge of honor for its alumni is universally recognized. But we take pride in your less measurable, but critically important, leadership in the advancement of human rights.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

MAY

June 20, 1960

Mr. Isaiah Terman
American Jewish Committee
Institute of Human Relations
165 East 56 Street
New York 22, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Terman:

We would like to receive a copy of your Nationwide Poll of March, 1959, which we understand is now ready for distribution as prepared by your Scientific Research Division. We also understand that the report is not to be publicized, but is for our personal-professional use.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

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May 20, 1960

The Rail Travel Credit Agency
Room 436
Union Station
Chicago 6, Illinois

Gentlemen:

Please issue to our account a rail travel card for Dr. Leslie W. Dunbar, a new member of our staff.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

May 20, 1960

Dr. R. M. MacIver
Institute for Religious and Social
Studies
3080 Broadway
New York 27, New York

Dear Dr. MacIver:

I am complimented by your invitation to take part in the 1960-61 luncheon series of the Institute for Religious and Social Studies, and would be happy to accept. A commitment in Atlanta on January 2, however, would make it difficult, if not impossible, for me to be in New York at the appointed time. If it is still possible to change the date of the session on Negro suffrage to January 10 or any one of the later January dates, I can accept with pleasure.

I realize that this may present difficulties for you and, if a change is impossible, I shall understand fully.

I recall with pleasure meeting you in Atlanta several years ago and would welcome a chance to renew our acquaintance.

Cordially yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 20, 1960

Miss Thelma W. Babbitt
Community Relations Program
1618 Maryland Avenue
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Miss Babbitt:

I'm answering, for Mr. Fleming, your letter of May 12 in which you ask about Dr. Mitchell. It is definite now that Dr. Mitchell will be doing a teaching stint at Spelman College, here in Atlanta, for the next nine months - beginning in September. The latest news is that he has already sailed from Scotland.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Mildred Flowers
Secretary to Mr. Fleming

MF

May 20, 1960

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Penn Community Services, Inc.
St. Helena Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

We are mailing you the requested copies of THE NEGRO AND THE BALLOT this P.M. The map may be obtained at Miller's Book Store, 231 Peachtree, N. E., Atlanta, or if you prefer I can pick it up for you.

We are really looking forward to coming over soon and will let you know when just as soon as our plans jell a little more.

With best wishes to Elizabeth and the Richards.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

May 23, 1960

Mr. Samuel Spiegler
Editor
Journal of Intergroup Relations
NAIRO
Room 209
426 West 58th Street
New York 19, New York

Dear Mr. Spiegler:

Thanks for your kind letter of May 18.

Heaven only knows what will happen between now and September to render my Washington talk obsolete. But I will undertake to doctor it up, if possible, in time for the Autumn issue.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 23, 1960

Mr. Paul Foreman
Professor of Sociology
Department of Sociology and Anthropology
University of Alabama
University, Alabama

Dear Mr. Foreman:

It is good of you to think of me in connection with the annual meeting of the SSSP. If you feel that my contribution will be of sufficient value to warrant the cost of getting me there, I shall be happy to accept.

I am glad that you have scheduled a session on "Sit-ins and the Strategy of Race Relations," for we need to do some new and heavy thinking about the meaning of this development for our future activities. I would welcome any guidance you might give as to the presentation or background materials that would be most useful.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 23, 1960

Mr. D. John Heyman
Secretary
New York Foundation, Inc.
61 Broadway
New York 6, New York

Dear Mr. Heyman:

On behalf of the Southern Regional Council, I acknowledge most gratefully your letter of April 21. We are deeply pleased that the Trustees of the New York Foundation have found the work of the Council worthy of continued assistance.

We shall continue to send you periodic reports and materials, as well as an overall accounting of program and finances at the end of the year. Meanwhile, with personal appreciation and kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Enclosure - NAIRO speech - May 6, 1960

May 23, 1960

Mr. John Y. Yoshino
The President's Committee on
Government Contracts
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear John:

Thanks for your kind letter of May 19.

I'm sorry that a failure of communication here caused you to receive a copy of the wrong speech. Enclosed is the text of my remarks at the NAIRO conference -- less, of course, the ad lib additions.

It was a pleasure being with you, and I hope we will be working together again soon.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

via air mail May 23, 1960

Mr. Ralph C. Creger
14 Rosemont Drive
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Creger:

This is a hasty acknowledgment of your last two letters. I am leaving for New York in a few minutes and expect to see Harry Fleischman, among others. I will do my best to expedite some action there to make possible early publication of your manuscript.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 26, 1960

Mrs. Peggy Murison
7722 Hampson
New Orleans 18, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Murison:

The information you requested was mailed yesterday. The Jim Montgomery pamphlet on "The Economic Effect of School Closing" is being mailed from Emory University because our supply was depleted.

Paul Rilling is on a European vacation and will not return until the end of June. In the meanwhile, if there is anything we can do to help you in your work there, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Sarah Miller, secretary
to Paul Rilling

May 23, 1960

Mr. Daniel Rubin
365 Amboy Street
Brooklyn 12, New York

Dear Mr. Rubin:

Enclosed is some material concerning the work of the Southern Regional Council. Our work is not specifically for youth groups; but as you can see, it affects a great number of young people especially in our efforts to help bring about a de-segregated school system.

Our special report on the sit-ins is enclosed and of course, is directly concerned with young people.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

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Enclosures - 4

May 23, 1960

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1400 Main Street, Room 605
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Again we have sent materials to Miss Simpson, and Miss Simpson is listed on our NEW SOUTH subscription list. I have also written her a letter telling her that we are placing her name on our L-Report list so she will receive these reports plus other materials.

Bill and I will probably go to Penn Community Center the first portion of June, that is the present plan. Perhaps you may be paying Penn a visit around then and we can have a visit.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

May 23, 1960

Mr. John Wagner, Jr.
National Lutheran Council
327 S. LaSalle Street
Chicago 4, Illinois

Dear Mr. Wagner:

Enclosed is a bibliography as you requested plus a listing of some of the materials we offer. Also included is the latest copy of our magazine NEW SOUTH and a copy each of our two new pamphlets.

If we can be of additional help, please let us know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Enclosures - 5

May 23, 1960

Mrs. Cynthia D. Alexander
873 Hutchinson Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Alexander:

Thank you for your check covering the balance on the material you ordered from us. We do appreciate your effort in selling this material and I am pleased it was of some benefit to your Club.

If we can be of additional aid in the future, please let us know.

Again thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

May 23, 1960

Miss Ethel Simpson
126 Capers Street
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Miss Simpson:

If you have not received back copies of NEW SOUTH which you requested, they should reach you in a few days. Also enclosed is a list of some of our back materials which may be of interest to you.

Mrs. Spearman tells me that you are Executive Director of the YWCA and would like to receive other information which might be of use to you. So we are placing your name on our mailing list to receive other materials we publish from time to time.

Please let me know if you do not receive copies of NEW SOUTH within the next few days.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

May 23, 1960

Sister Mary Patrick, C. D. P.
Associate Director
Our Lady of the Lake College
San Antonio 7, Texas

Dear Sister Patrick:

Enclosed is a list of our materials. Please let me know which ones of these you can use. In addition we have two new pamphlets which are not listed here. They are enclosed for your information.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Enclosures - 3

May 24, 1960

via air mail special

Mr. Edgar R. Page
The Principia College
Elsah, Illinois

Dear Mr. Page:

Your mother asked that we send you the enclosed pamphlet in hopes that it will be of some help in your paper.

Another pamphlet concerning newspaper practices will be published soon, but I doubt that it will be ready in time to be used for your paper.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encl.

May 24, 1960

Miss Thelma Stevens
Executive Secretary
Women's Division of Christian Service
Board of Missions
The Methodist Church
475 Riverside Drive
New York 27, New York

Dear Thelma:

I am so glad that Miss French has given you the dates of the Workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned. My conscience has already haunted me because I have not written you, but we are having rare times down here in Atlanta, Ga., and ones emotional equlibrium does not give you power to write letters. I do want to give you a full account of things but it is certainly an interesting mixture--good and evil.

Now what I want you to do for the Workshop is on the morning of the 15th, give us a real foundation for the Workshop proceeding. I think it could be something like this, the relationship between our basic Religious beliefs and Social responsibility. This is your number one in "Our Mission Today" of the Buck Hill Falls report. You can see I have stated it a little differently because we have Jews in the group and they here in the South are carrying a heavy load for all of us. I don't know what we would do without our Anti-Defamation League and B'nai B'rith. This could be thirty minutes. Then of course, we want you right there to direct us when we get off on the basic things which we face. We certainly do need you now to challenge us, to steady us and to give us a shove onward.

With a heart full of love always.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA
JAckson 2-8764

HAROLD C. FLEMING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

MAY 2 4 1960

Dear Friend:

This is to give you the first notice of the Workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned. As usual it will be held in Atlanta, Georgia.

The dates will be November 15 and 16.

We are making plans to pay for transportation and entertainment. We hope that you will put this date on your calendar and plan to attend.

I would appreciate any suggestions that you have to offer to make the Workshop a success.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

May 24, 1960

Mr. Marvin D. Wall
Acting Executive Director
Southern Education Reporting Service
P. O. Box 6156 Acklen Station
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Wall:

Just a note to express our many thanks for the help which you and Jim Leeson have been to us in gathering data these last few weeks.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

May 24, 1960

Professor Daniel Pollitt
School of Law
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Professor Pollitt:

I would have answered your letter earlier, but I have been away from the city. We are pleased that you want us to reproduce and distribute your fine study, and we are also most pleased that the Duke review has wisely decided to run it in its next issue.

Frankly, it seems to us that this represents the best possible treatment and we are not clear as to what advantage there would be in an almost simultaneous release of it by us. We are interested in the study getting good, strategic circulation and to this end I would like to write to Duke with an advance order for two or three hundred reprints, which we would distribute to the press, or some of it, and to selected community leaders.

But is there some factor we are overlooking that leads you and Bagwell to believe a release by us would be especially useful? We share with you a real desire to get this out in the public domain and are prepared to do whatever is necessary to that end. It just seems to us that, in as much as Duke will bring this out in its next issue, nothing else is required (assuming, of course, reprints are available).

Please let me hear from you. With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

most likely

May 25, 1960

Rev. H. R. Ware, Jr.
Box 515
Emory, Virginia

Dear Mr. Ware:

Our supply of the pamphlet, Intimidation, Reprisal and Violence in the South's Racial Crisis has been exhausted. However, the study does appear in its entirety in a government publication which should be available in your local library:

> Hearings Before the Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights of the Committee on the Judiciary, U. S. Senate, 86th Congress. Part 3--Appendix. pp. 1573-1603. (Published by U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, 1959.)

I am enclosing a copy of our New South, July-August 1959, which contains a short resume of the above report.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

Enclosure:
New South, July-August '59

May 25, 1960

Prentice Hall Inc.
Englewood Cliffs
New Jersey

Dear Sirs:

We wish to order White and Negro Schools in the South: An Analysis of Bi-racial Education, by Pierce, Truman M., James B. Kincheloe, R. Edgar Moore, Galen N. Drewry and Bennie F. Carmichael, published by you in 1955. Please bill us.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

May 25, 1960

Mr. James H. Laue
329 Harvard Street
Cambridge 39, Mass.

Dear Mr. Laue:

We are mailing you today, under separate cover, the materials you requested. You will be welcome, on or about July 5, to look over our literature and to gather data on the sit-ins from our files. When you are here, I am sure Mr. Leslie Dunbar, our director of research, will be happy to talk with you further regarding your offer to "combine tasks."

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

Southerners and Schools
Accent on the South
Economic Effect of School Closing
New Factories Thing of Past in Little Rock
What the Supreme Court Said
If the Schools Are Closed
The Negro and the Ballot

VIA AIR MAIL May 25, 1960

Mr. Nathaniel Griswold
Executive Director
1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

We have no information to indicate that a film of the TV show on sit-ins would be available. It is unlikely that the network would release it at this early date, particularly for a reasonable fee.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/mf

May 25, 1960

Miss Sucheta Kripalani
c/o Dr. Chowla
728 - 12th Street
Boulder, Colorado

Dear Miss Kripalani:

We have been requested by James E. Bristol, of the American Friends Service Committee, to send you our latest reports on the student protest movement. They are being mailed to you today, under separate cover.

We will be issueing one (or perhaps two) additional reports very soon, and will send these to you also. Should we send them to this same address, or will you be moving about?

If you should come to Atlanta, we would be most happy to have you visit our offices.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

CC: James E. Bristol
Mailed separately:
Student Protest Movement, with additions
Moreland Report
New South, March '60
The Day They Changed Their Minds (NAACP)
A Southern View of the South

May 25, 1960

Mr. Gilbert M. Mellin
Assistant Vice-President
Whitney National Bank
New Orleans 10, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Mellin:

We are mailing you today, under separate cover, the requested four copies of our pamphlet, If the Schools Are Closed... Since our policy is to send one copy without charge, you will owe us .25¢ each for three copies, or .75¢.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

May 25, 1960

Mr. Tom Rose
c/o Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Rose:

We are placing your name on our mailing list for L-Reports. This, of course does not enable you to receive NEW SOUTH but you will receive other publications from time to time.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

May 25, 1960

Mrs. H. M. Perry
Administrative Secretary
Race Relations Department
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Perry:

We do not have copies of the pamphlet "Organizing to Save Public Schools." You may be able to secure them from Mr. Dan Bowers, Executive Director, Virginia Council on Human Relations, 216-C Broad-Grace Arcade Building, Richmond, Va.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

May 25, 1960

Mr. Lindsay Matthews
University Hotel
Nedlands, West Australia

Dear Mr. Matthews:

We are mailing you, under separate cover, the materials you requested plus some additional items which might be of interest. There is no charge for this material.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

May 25, 1960

Mr. Fern E. Schmidt
P. O. Box 488
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

We are mailing you, under separate cover, some sample issues of NEW SOUTH. If we can be of additional help, please let us know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lcc

May 25, 1960

Mr. W. M. Wells, Jr.
Methodist Student Movement of North Carolina
310 S. Spring Street
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wells:

Enclosed is a list of some of our materials which would be availabe for your conference. Also enclosed are sample copies of our latest two pamphlets. *The South of the Nation* sells for 15¢ a copy in quantity, and *The Church In Areas Of Racial Tension* for 10¢ per copy. Several other pamphlets will be ready in time for your fall conference and I will mail sample copies of them to you as soon as they are available.

Let ms know if we can be of additional aid.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

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May 25, 1960

Mr. Jack Le'vy
110.6 Crystal Springs
Spartanburg, So. Carolina

Dear Mr. Le'vy:

In reply to your letter dated May 24, as requested by your wife we sent copies of NEW SOUTH to the address in South Carolina with instructions to begin with the address in France the month of June. We mailed the March and April copies to her in South Carolina, sorry that they did not reach her. However, we are today mailing her back issues of New South to the address in France.

If we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

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May 25, 1960

Miss Ruth Arnold
Secretary
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Miss Arnold:

In answer to your several letters:

First, we took the liberty to renew our subscription to the Arkansas Gazette last December when it expired. I believe it will continue until December of this year. We have found it useful in the past and still clip articles of interest.

Second, the copy of Mr. Dabbs' speech was not enclosed in your letter, but I don't think it is necessary that we see a sample copy before receiving the bulk order.

Third, our NEW SOUTH subscription clerk is checking the names mailed in and I am certain the list will be straightened out in short order.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

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P. S. If you have suggestions of newspaper people valuable to our mass media list, we would welcome them.

May 25, 1960

Mr. Saul Silverman
Commission on Race Relations
313 State Office Building
800 Twigg Street
Tampa, Florida

Dear Mr. Silverman:

Ben Muse asked that I send you a bibliography of books on race relations. I hope the enclosed will help; we have now at the printers a pamphlet, which you will receive in time, titled Desegregation: The First Six Years, which will include a fairly detailed reading list. There are some good bibliographies available from other sources; among them are:

M. M. Tumin, Segregation and Desegregation (published by Anti-Defamation League). 1957.

________, Supplement, Segregation and Desegregation (published by Anti-Defamation League). 1960.

E. G. Olsen, Intergroup Education Bibliography, Vol. 2 (National Conference of Christians and Jews). 1959.

Selected Bibliography (Race Relations Department, American Missionary Association, Fisk University). 1959.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Enclosure: SRC Bibliography

May 26, 1960

Editor
Prospectus
Vanderbilt Divinity School
Vanderbilt University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Sir:

We would like very much to receive a copy of your issue for March 16, 1960, if you have one available. Under separate cover we are sending you a copy of our own report on the student protest movement.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

May 26, 1960

__Via Air Mail__

The Rev. William Williams
Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
4241 S. W. 109 Court
Miami, Florida

Dear Bill:

Harold has given his permission for us to issue the enclosed regular quarterly payment to the Florida Council.

He was very reluctant to do this, however, since we are clearly bound by the Executive Committee to the requirement of an audit. Therefore, I hope you will see to it that the new auditor holds to the promised three week schedule.

Best.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Executive Assistant

PA/sm
Enclosure

May 26, 1960

The Rev. John R. Whitney
Saint Andrew's Parish
208 West Foster Avenue
State College, Pa.

Dear Mr. Whitney:

We are mailing you today the requested 100 copies of The Church in Areas of Racial Tension, by the Rev. Cornelius C. Tarplee. For quantity orders, there is a charge of .10 each, and we are sending our invoice to Mr. Bissey, treasurer, as instructed.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

Invoice to:

Mr. V. D. Bissey, treasurer
Saint Andrew's Parish
208 West Foster Avenue
State College, Pa.

$10.00

May 27, 1960

Dr. E. A. McDowell
Southeastern Baptist Theological
Seminary
Wake Forest, North Carolina

Dear Dr. McDowell:

As luck would have it, George Mitchell and his wife are returning to the States shortly, if they have not already arrived. His daughter is being married in June, and he is to put in the next academic year as visiting professor at Spelman College here in Atlanta. I know he will be sorry to miss the chance to entertain you and Mrs. McDowell at his Scottish retreat.

We have followed with interest the North Carolina campaign and share with you the hope that the old segregationist approach will be soundly repudiated.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 27, 1960

Mr. Philip P. Elmore, Jr.
Housing Services Secretary
The Urban League of Philadelphia
1611 Pine Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Elmore:

We are pleased that you feel the publication "Intimidation, Reprisal and Violence..." is a useful one. It is with great regret that I have to tell you that our supply of the pamphlet has been completely exhausted for some time. We have only a file copy or two left in this office.

In view of the fact that you are working with Mr. Taylor, I take it that the American Friends Service Committee is similarly devoid of copies. If this is the case, it might be worthwhile to inquire of the Department of Racial and Cultural Relations, National Council of Churches, New York City. While I strongly suspect that they too have exhausted their supply, it is possible that they haven't.

I am sorry that I can't be of more help, but hope we may be of service to you in the future.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

COPY

May 27, 1960

Mr. M. A. F. Ritchie
President
Pacific University
Forest Grove, Oregon

Dear Miller:

It was very good of you to write me about the New York Times article. I am encouraged by the fact that you found it useful for quotation.

Let me take this opportunity to congratulate you on your new position and wish you every success. Despite the fact that you get further away, I continue to hope that sonner or later you will find yourself in Atlanta and we will have an opportunity to get together. Meanwhile, my very best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 27, 1960

Mr. Cornelius Tarplee
P. O. Box 853
Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Neil:

Thank you for your letter about the sessions at Gould Farm this summer. I appreciate your thinking of me and only wish I were in position to put myself in nomination. But regretfully I don't see any prospect of my being able to go away for a two-week stretch.

You have undoubtedly been in touch with such specialists in hardship as Will Campbell, John Morris, Gene Cox, and the like. Therefore, I won't try to suggest hard pressed clergymen whom they know better than I do.

I might say that I feel any of the State Councils on Human Relations will be worthy of consideration, most especially those in the hard-core situations. Bob Hughes would be an especially deserving possibility. It might also be good to consider the Rev. L. F. Griffin of Prince Edward County; I don't know him but those who do depict him as an earnest if unsophisticated leader working under extreme tensions. As a final thought, what about somebody from Koinonia?

I hope these random suggestions will be of some use.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 27, 1960

Professor Charles V. Hamilton
Department of Political Science
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee, Alabama

Dear Professor Hamilton:

We would like very much to receive a reprint of your article, "The Political Consequences of Southern Politics," as published in a recent issue of The Negro Educational Review.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:A

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May 27, 1960

Miss Linda L. Harvey
DePauw University
Greencastle, Indiana

Dear Miss Harvey:

We are mailing you today, under separate cover, our most recent reports on the sit-ins and the student protest movement. We are also including some materials about the Southern Regional Council. As you will note, when you read them, we are an educational rather than an action organization, with professional staff engaged in inter-group relations work, a research staff engaged in compilation and publishing of facts, and we have a board of some 80 southerners who ARE the Southern Regional Council. The staff of the Council numbers, at present, fourteen full-time and several part-time people, all southerners, of both races.

The program of the Council changes its emphasis as the situation in the South changes; its purpose and its aim is always the same. It has been, since 1951, committed to the aim of an unsegregated society, because it believes segregation to conflict with moral values, with democratic principles, and with the best interests of the country and this region. The Council has, therefore, an announced point of view. It has, furthermore, a single-minded devotion to the method of fair, open, and well-informed discussion. It believes that Southern problems cannot be satisfactorily solved unless Southerners are willing to discuss them frankly, critically, and realistically.

Financial support for the Council has come from many different individuals and organizations. Some of the organizations are: The William C. Whitney Foundation; the Fund for the Republic; the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the Methodist Church; the National Council of Protestant Episcopal Church; the Field Foundation; the New World Foundation; the Board of Church Extension of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.; the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.; the New York Foundation; the Christopher Reynolds Foundation; the Phelps-Stokes Fund; the Rockefeller Brothers Fund; and various trade unions and business firms.

The Council's present functions may be summarized as follows: 1) it provides consultative services to private and official agencies; 2) it carries on research and publishes frequent reports of findings; 3) it publishes a monthly magazine, New South, and works with the press, radio and television; 4) it is a clearing-house and coordinator for other agencies concerned with Southern problems.

The Southern Regional Council seeks to be a practical organization, aiming at working solutions rather than spectacular pronouncements. It believes that each community in the South must find its own answers to social issues within the frame-work of law and conscience. It offers no blue-print, no panacea for the South's human problems. It does offer a method - that of representative citizens, white and Negro, coming together in equal dignity to find the best ways to move ahead.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

Enclosures: Changing South
New South, March '60
Student Protest Movement
The Negro and the Ballot
L-16 and L-17
SRC statement

May 27, 1960

Dr. James P. Brawley
President
Clark College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Brawley:

This is to confirm the dates that I gave you yesterday for the Workshop of The Fellowship of the Concerned. The dates are November 15 and 16. I am giving you this information so that you can circle them on your calendar and later I will come out to see you and we can go into details.

Kregge Hall is the nicest meeting place there is in town. The room is so ideal and it is always so clean. The women have been so grateful that we had this place to try to work out the problems that face us.

With deep appreciation for all you have done for us, and with best wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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May 27, 1960

The H. W. Wilson Company
950 University Avenue
New York 52, New York

Dear Sirs:

You may list the pamphlet "The Southern Regional Council Reports The Changing South" in your VERTICAL FILE INDEX as free of charge to libraries.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec

Revised - please substitute for letter
written 5-26

May 27, 1960

Mr. Harold F. Walker
Vice-President and National
Sales Manager
Rounsaville Radio
3165 Mathieson Drive, N. E.
Atlanta 5, Georgia

Dear Mr. Walker:

From time to time the Southern Regional Council issues short, factual and objective reports high-lighting information pertinent to the present racial problems of the South; occasionally these reports, as in the enclosed samples, digest other publications. In doing so we make a genuine and I hope successful effort to represent accurately the 1 larger context from which our report is taken.

These reports are sent to school superintendents, chambers of commerce, and selected persons of influence throughout the South.

We would like to have your permission to base a report upon your recent brochure, General and Specific Negro Market Data and Individual Station Information. The source of our report would be, of course, clearly indicated.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a
Enclosures:
L-10, L-11, L-17

Enclosures:
L-Reports #5,6,8, 8A, 12-17
Also: New South,

COPY

May 30, 1960

Mr. Glenn F. Webb, Manager
Laurinburg Chamber of Commerce
P. O. Box 349
Laurinburg, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Webb:

Many thanks for your welcome letter of May 23 and for the information about the Committee on Community Betterment. It is very heartening to us to learn of this constructive leadership in race relations by the business community of Laurinburg.

By all means, feel free to call on us at any time for advice or assistance that we may provide you and your organization.

Enclosed are copies of the L-Reports which you have not received. I might explain that we have circulated to chambers of commerce only those that we felt would have some special relevance for such organizations. From now on, I shall see that you receive all of our periodic mailings, including New South.

Cordially yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

May 30, 1960

Miss Louise Young
Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
2001 Division Street
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Miss Young:

Paul Rilling said before he left that you might ask for an extension of time in order to meet your goal for the special grant. We are willing to grant the additional time you request, until July 1st, and trust that the Board meeting and the play will help produce the needed $800.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Sarah Miller

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May 30, 1960

Mr. Frank Loescher
United States-South Africa Leader
Exchange Program
345 East 46th Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Frank:

Judge Elbert Tuttle is a fine jurist and an admirable human being. I have known him for some years, going back to the time when he was a lawyer (and, incidentally, head of the Republican Party in Georgia). He has been helpful to me and to SRC in various ways and has written some good and important decisions on segregation cases for the U. S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. If he is a possible exchangee, I would recommend him warmly.

You are very kind to requisition a payment to SRC in consideration of its services to your program. You know that you can always call on us for whatever help we can give, with no thought of remuneration.

I'm sorry I missed you in New York the other day, for I look forward to talking with you about all the developments since we last met. Maybe we will have another chance soon.

Meanwhile, I hope all goes will with you. My best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Green copy

May 30, 1960

Miss Jean Fairfax
American Friends Service Committee
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Jean:

I was sorry to see the unencouraging correspondence with Allan Chalmers. This leaves me, as evidently it does you, just about bankrupt of ideas. The few sources I know of either have been exposed to the need already or are pre-empted by other needs of AFSC and/or SRC.

One I know little about is the Committee for Rural Schools, or whatever it is called, which Judge J. Waties Waring is connected with. Perhaps you know, or could find out, whether this is a possibility.

If I get any brainstorms I'll let you know, but meanwhile I can do little but commiserate.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/sm

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May 30, 1960

Mr. James C. Evans
Civilian Assistant
Office of the Assistant Secretary of
Defense
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Evans:

It was good to see you in Washington, and I was glad to have your recent communications forwarding copies of "The Negro Officer in the Armed Forces" and Morton Puner's Coronet article.

It is good to know that the latter is being reprinted for distribution in such a large quantity. If copies are to be available to such organizations as the Southern Regional Council, I'll appreciate your letting me know. This popular treatment of the Armed Forces success story is an effective program piece.

With my best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

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May 31, 1960

Mrs. Betsy D. Taylor
P. O. Drawer T-3
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Taylor:

As you requested, here is an advance text for the session of June 17. It is something less than a copy of my proposed speech, and something more than an outline; it may be regarded as a partial text.

In any case, I hope it will serve your purpose and that the content represents the general approach that you wish me to take.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1. (Speech)

May 31, 1960

The Rev. Cornelius C. Tarplee
Associate Secretary
Intergroup Relations
P. O. Box 853
Lynchburg, Virginia

Dear Neil:

One hundred copies of Ken Morland's report are being sent to you and twenty-five to Arthur Walmsley.

Our mimeograph machine is running now another report, this one by Margaret Price; it is a sort of round-up of all of the progress to date in settlement of the sit-in controversies. We are co-sponsoring with the Nashville Community Relations Council a report by Wallace Westfeldt on what happened in Nashville; this will be an inexpensive printed leaflet. We likely also will have soon a special report written by Clarence Patrick, Wake Forest Sociologist, about what happened in Winston-Salem. Somewhat later we shall have a pamphlet by George McMillan discussing the law enforcement problems posed by the riots in Chattanooga and Montgomery this past Winter, and in Little Rock last Summer. You will get copies of these things as they come out and can consider then whether you want any large number of them.

The Washington meeting was an interesting experience.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

May 31, 1960

Miss Betty Wisdom
413 Hillary Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Miss Wisdom:

We are sending you under separate cover some materials which may help with your article. We shall also see that you get other items from us as they are released.

We shall be very glad to see the copy of your piece when it is finished.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

Mailed separately:
- L-Reports 13, 15, 16, 17, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 14, 7
- Almond and Odum speeches on Public Schools
- Doctors' statement
- United Church Women leaflet
- Save Our Schools, press opinion
- New South, July-August, February, '59
- If the Schools Are Closed
- Can We Afford to Close Our Public Schools?
- Reif, Crisis in Norfolk
- News clips, thermafax

May 31, 1960

The Rev. Arthur E. Walmsley
Executive Secretary
Division of Christian Citizenship
Protestant Episcopal Church
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Arthur:

Thank you for your good letter of May 26th. I enjoyed being at St. Albans last week and hope it did some good. I am returning the expense account which you were good enough to send along. Your check can be made out to the Southern Regional Council.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie W. Dunbar
Director of Research

LWD:a

May 31, 1960

National Education Association
of the United States
1201 Sixteenth Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

We would like to receive two copies of the annual research report of your study of the public schools. If there is a charge, please bill us.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Ed. A. Albright
Administrative Secretary
Research

May 31, 1960

Mr. Dan Hoffman, President
United States National Student Association
3457 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

Paul Rilling is on vacation and will not return until the end of June. I trust that will not be too late for him to reply to your invitation to attend the National Student Congress.

Sincerely,

Sarah Miller
Secretary to Paul Rilling

May 31, 1960

Dr. H. E. Nash
239 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Nash:

I think Miss Cunningham has already contacted you about the School of Missions to be held at Clark College. She told you I would be teaching a course on "Alcohol and Christian Responsibility" and need you to give the class something out of your experiences as a doctor, on "Alcohol a Health Problem." I wish you would also tell us how you work with an alcoholic who comes to you.

I would like very much to have you speak to the class on Wednesday. We have two class periods--9:50 to 10:50 and 11:00 to 12:00. We could devote more time to this if you could find it possible to come the 2nd period.

These women in the class will be leaders in several of our states, some of them will teach the course in their own conferences.

I am enclosing an addressed card so please let me know what time you will come.

You will be rendering a great service and we will be most appreciative.

My office phone is JA 2-8764
home phone is TR 2-2957

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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May 31, 1960

Mrs. Cora B. Smith
1019 Fair Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Smith:

I think Miss Cunningham has already contacted you about the School of Missions to be held at Clark College. She told you I would be teaching a course on "Alcohol and Christian Responsibility" and need you to give the class something of your experiences, as Juvenile Court officer, as they relate to the question of drinking by parents or even children. You will know better than I what these women need to know.

I would like very much to have you speak to the class on Tuesday. We have two class periods--9:50 to 10:50 and 11:00 to 12:00. We could devote more time to this if you could find it possible to come the 2nd period.

These women in the class will be leaders in several of our States, some of them will teach this course in their own conferences.

I am enclosing an addressed card so please let me know what time you will come.

You will be rendering a great service and we will be most appreciative.

My office phone is JA 2-8764
home phone is TR 2-2951

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

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Director of Women's Work